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Northwest celebrates award

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Keeping to tradition, Northwest plans to celebrate its 2001 Missouri Quality Award with a reception.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, the University will have a reception in the Student Union Board Room to celebrate the campus-wide achievements leading up to the award.

"The whole campus has put a lot of hard work into making this happen, and we just want to thank everyone for making the quality award possible," Provost Taylor Barnes said. "We don't celebrate enough around here sometimes, so this really just gives us a chance to say 'Hey, thanks for

all your help."

At 4 p.m. Rep. Rex Barnett and Sen. David Klindt will speak at the reception, which is open to everyone.

The local congressmen have played a key role in gaining state support for Northwest, Barnes said.

"We wouldn't be the strong educational institution we are without support from Jefferson City," Barnes said. "We just think it's fitting to have these two come to talk to us. Those two were selected because they've been very supportive of Northwest and of higher education. They've both been with us shoulder to shoulder on our quality journey."

University President Dean Hubbard

will also address those assembled for the celebration.

The 2001 award is the second Missouri Quality Award Northwest has won in just as many tries.

After winning its first Quality Award in 1997, the University had a similar on-campus celebration. Former Gov. Mel Carnahan spoke at the 1997 event.

Cookies and punch will be served at the reception.

The on-campus celebration will serve as a prelude to the official awards ceremony Dec. 14 in St. Louis. A contingent of students, faculty and administrators will attend the ceremony, along with the President's cabinet and the Board of Regents.

Planning Ahead

What:

■ Missouri Quality Award reception

When:

■ Friday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where:

■ Student Union Board Room

Why:

■ To celebrate Northwest's achievements

Missing girl's body found

By MARJIE KOSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

After two days of searching, the question of Sarah McCoy's whereabouts is answered. The 15-year-old's body was found early Wednesday night in a creek bed north of Gower, Mo., near County Road DD in Clinton County, according to KMBC-TV.

Sarah had been missing since Monday afternoon when her father returned to the family's rural Easton, Mo., home to find the front door open and his daughter's keys lying on the ground, along with a portable compact disc player, according to *The St. Joseph News-Press*.

Sarah's book bag and belongings were in the home, ruling out the possibility that she ran away, The Kansas City Star reported.

Sarah's brother, Northwest student Kyle McCoy, left a meeting of Alpha Gamma Rho early to return home Monday night to help search for his sister, said his roommate Chase Sybert.

Family and friends combed the creeks and wooded areas around her home, and Sarah's mother, Michelle McCoy, made a plea to reporters at a press conference earlier Wednesday.

"I want her home here tonight," she said. "If anybody knows anything, please let us know. She needs to be home."

Although one question has been answered with the discovery of Sarah's body, many others are now being asked.

Although no suspects have been identified, a teenage boy is being questioned by authorities, KMBC-TV reported.

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Intercultural director to leave University

By KARA SWINK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The director of the Intercultural and International Center brought diversity to campus, but she will leave at the end of the semester.

Negar Davis is moving to Utah State University to work with International and Ethnic students.

"I feel it is a huge loss to lose Davis because she has been a major supporter for Alliance of Black Collegians," ABC President Veronica Jones said.

Before Davis there was not a diversity plan on campus, but Jones said she started one in as little as eight months after her arrival in July of 1998.

"She impacted the University and got the word of diversity out there," Jones said.

For the past three and a half years, the ICC has been introducing diversity on campus and has increased the number of international and ethnic minorities of students.

"I feel we have laid down a foundation of the center and the foundation is already set, and the rest of it is continuing with the programs and services," Davis said.

The decision to leave Northwest was a difficult one for Davis.

Students who corresponded with Davis every day played a big role in considering her decision.

"It took me a long time to decide if I wanted to leave," she said. "I wanted to make sure the students were taken care of and that they will be taken care of."

Many of the students on campus who play a big role in the ICC are sad to see her go.

"It is both sad that we are losing such a valuable person within our administration but also understandable, and I'm happy for her," said Kenneth McCain, president of Alpha Phi Alpha. "At first everyone was in shock, but everyone understands her leaving and everyone is happy for her."

Working with students has been the most rewarding experience for Davis.

"I truly like our students here and my work is fantastic and works with my background and what I was looking for," Davis said. "However, the other institution offers different challenges for me."

The students Davis works with bring qualities that make events successful, Davis said.

"They have this neverending energy that every time we had an event they were right there getting involved and being active," she said.

Providing services to educate students about cultural differences and being able to learn something new from students was very rewarding to Davis.

Davis would like to be remembered as the individual who developed a diversity plan and promoted diversity on campus.

NEGAR DAVIS
LEAVING NORTHWEST

Santa's little helper



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

First-grader Sara Knowles, of Brownie Troop 305, decorates cookies Tuesday at St. Gregory's for the holiday party of the Community Recreation and Resocialization Program. This is the 10th consecutive year that Troop 305 has participated.

Maryville middle school student diagnosed with form of meningitis

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

A Maryville Middle School student was diagnosed with an unknown strain of meningitis Nov. 28 at St. Francis Hospital.

Although the diagnosis was made only a few days after Northwest freshman John Davison died from a strain of Neisseria meningitidis, health officials said there is no known connection between the two cases.

However, Principal Keith Nowland said the case caused concern.

"I think education is the key," Nowland said. "We need to know what meningitis is, know how it can be spread and know what the risk factors are."

To educate students and staff in the school district, Nowland and Superintendent Jay Reese met with Nodaway county health officials and the student's physician Nov. 29 after being informed of the diagnosis. They discussed the information parents and staff needed to know.

Students in the district were sent home Friday with a letter containing information about meningitis, its symptoms and preventative measures. Parents of middle school students received a similar letter in the mail.

Middle school students were informed of the situation and reminded of good hygiene practices Friday.

"There was immediate concern, but people were not in a panic," Reese said. "They were wanting to do the right things as far as getting accurate information."

Before being diagnosed with meningitis, the student had been sick with strep throat and was taking antibiotics to fight the infection. He continued going to school, but his health was not improving, said Martha McClintock, of the Nodaway County Health Department.

"People can have several organisms in

their bodies, but if you get sick, they can multiply because of the depletion of your immune system," McClintock said.

That was most likely what happened to the student, she said.

After being tested and receiving antibiotics through an IV, McClintock said the boy is home, doing well and should be able to return to school in a few weeks with a full recovery.

McClintock said children who meet the criteria of close contact through oral secretions, can receive a shot of Rocephan depending on their body weight, or take prescribed doses of a pill called Rifampin. Adults can take Cipro, she said, but the key at this point is prevention of further cases of meningitis.

"None of the contacts he had would need to be treated had they not shared drinks or food," McClintock said. "If people would just practice good hygiene, it would really cut down on this."

Liquor hearing results in suspension

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Lucky's bar will be closed Dec. 20-21 as part of a 48-hour suspension imposed by the Maryville City Council at a liquor license hearing Monday.

The Council scrutinized Lucky's violations including minor in possession, supplying alcohol to a minor and selling alcohol to a minor.

Prosecuting Attorney David Baird presented documentation of four violations that occurred July 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 21 and Oct. 12. On two occasions, an employee served alcohol to a minor.

Defense attorney Bob Sundell said the first time the employee sold to a minor the matter was handled internally. The second time, the employee was terminated.

"To control that situation is not easy," Sundell said. "That's not an excuse, that's not a justification, that's

just a realism."

The Council discussed the role bar specials have on ordinance violations. Lucky's owner Jason Growcock said he limits "all-you-can-drink" specials to a time frame of a couple of hours.

"I don't push my specials," he said. "I don't even like the specials. I wish we could throw them away. If all of us bars could get together and stop these, which I've asked several times in the past."

Council members agreed that Lucky's had violated the city ordinance, but disagreed on a penalization.

"I'm still not sure a major suspension of any kind is really what we need to see ... I'm here to say 'Guys, how do we work together to manage this, to do the best we can?'" Councilman Brad Lager said.

Councilman Bryan Twaddle suggested a committee form to propose solutions. The committee would consist of bar owners, city staff, Twaddle

and Lager.

Growcock said he would be interested in working with other bars.

"If I could get all the bar owners together and stop the specials or at least stop them at a reasonable time, I would love to do that," he said.

Mayor Mike Thompson said the idea of a committee opened a door of opportunity for bar owners.

"This concept of getting together has put a light bulb in me," he said. "If we don't go somewhere, it's business as usual. Councilman Twaddle and Councilman Lager are willing to work with you, and they are in essence your support right now."

Stipulations of the Council's suspension ruling appointed Growcock to lead the committee.

Councilwoman Amy Klaas was the only Council member to dissent on the ruling of a 48-hour suspension.

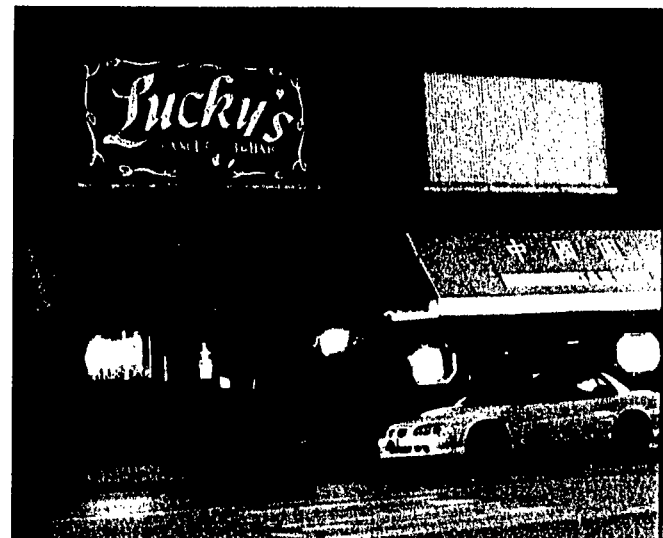


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Maryville City Council imposed a suspension on Lucky's bar at a liquor license hearing Monday. It will be closed Dec. 20-21 as part of the 48-hour suspension. The violations included a minor in possession, selling alcohol to a minor and supplying alcohol to a minor.

Internship program approved

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Kansas City, Mo., School Board approved a key element Tuesday night of a proposal that would allow Northwest students to teach full-time within the Kansas City School District.

The School District's partnership with Northwest will give students an opportunity to teach for a full year at a Kansas City school with the supervision of a mentor.

Under the proposal, the students could receive a stipend of \$11,930 for their work, which would cover their student-teaching experience during the fall semester plus a spring semester of teaching experience.

The students will also be provided with housing at the Loretto, a newly renovated facility on 39th street just outside Southwest Trafficway.

As the managing partner of the plan, Northwest seeks to place up to 40 students in the schools by the program's second year. Up to half could be Northwest students, while others could come from Lincoln University, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and other member institutions.

A formal request for funding will be submitted to the Hall and Kauffman foundations, as well as the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

"It's really exciting to be part of the solution to the accreditation challenges for the Kansas City School District," Ruhl said. "This gives us the opportunity to work as a partner with the Kansas City schools and the agencies we're requesting the added grant funds from as we work to help the students in that district."

Northwest should know by the end of December if additional funds for the project come through. Recruiting would begin during the spring, and students could begin work in the fall.

Faculty Senate Staff reviews curriculum

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Faculty Senate members sorted through stacks of proposals Wednesday afternoon, finishing their initial role in the compilation of the newest Northwest academic catalog.

The Senate discussed each proposal and approved or disapproved the documents.

Approved proposals will be sent to the Provost, who will either send the documents back to the Senate for reconsideration or recommend them to the Board of Regents for final approval, Faculty President Doug Dunham said.

"They are rarely sent back to us," he said. "By the time they've gotten to the Senate, they should have gone through the proper channels."

Curriculum changes approved by the Board will be put into the 2002 catalog.

In other business, the Faculty Welfare Committee updated the Senate on the status of its faculty satisfaction survey. The survey is the result of the committee's collaboration with cabinet member Mary Throener to assess the faculty's satisfaction with the Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company, Committee Chair Laura Widmer said.

"It's kind of a fact-finding survey to get information together so human resources can evaluate it," she said. "We need to just see what opinions are out there at this point."

Dunham said the Senate's goal is to have the data compiled by the end of January, so it can be presented to the Provost and college deans.

Art students to have pottery sale

By JANEA PHILIP
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

From dinnerware to decorations, all will be up for grabs at the Fall Pottery Sale sponsored by the Art Club.

The sale, which is in its 30th year, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Fine Arts Building.

"We get people that come here every year," said Russell Schmaljohn, director of the Ceramics Program.

The annual pottery sale allows intermediate and advanced students to sell their work and in turn pay studio bills.

"It's a great way for us to get our work out to the public," said ceram-

ics major Andy Rogers.

The prices for the pottery range from \$5 to \$50. Students will sell a variety of pottery such as vases, tea bowls, mugs, pitchers and plates.

"People who have been to this pottery sale are generally satisfied," Schmaljohn said.

Rogers said the sale is a great experience for the students because they do not usually receive exposure in Maryville, because it is such a small town. The sale allows the students to become familiar with exhibitions and art shows.

Though the sale is predominantly pottery, paintings and photography will also be sold.



PHOTO BY CATHY FLEMING/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Mary Henggeler, senior art major, rearranges pottery to get ready for the Fall Pottery Sale. Along with pottery, paintings and photography will also be for sale.

Yuletide Feaste has new director, show

By CLARK GRELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students and residents might notice changes in this year's Yuletide Feaste including more entertainment.

First-year director Eva Mae Pisciotto took the position after Richard Weymuth retired last spring. Weymuth had been serving as director for nearly 20 years before handing the throne to Pisciotto.

"It is always hard to take over when changing the guards," Pisciotto said.

Pisciotto looked forward to this event when she took over the choral director's position at Northwest.

"It was time to turn this event upside down and make it a little more enjoyable," Pisciotto said. "This is going to be very exciting."

Pisciotto is bringing a new attitude and more energy to the show. More than 50 students will take part in the festivities which include reenactments of the Yuletide, singing and other forms of entertainment.

Pisciotto wanted to change the focus of the show as well.

"My focus coming into this was to get the people more involved," Pisciotto said. "I want them to feel like they are a part of it."

The Yuletide Feaste is nothing new to Pisciotto. She has directed Yuletide Feastes at other universities.

"I love doing these things," she said. "It is kind of like doing a prom."

Besides working on decorations, Pisciotto has also worked on the scripts with other writers.

The feaste is a reconstruction of the Renaissance. People are taken back in time to the 16th and 17th centuries and participate in traditions of that era. Many characters involved include the king and queen, Lord of Mis-rule and Sir Christmas. The Northwest Madraliers will sing carols.

Under the direction of Pisciotto, a new twist has been added to the feaste. Jugglers, magic tricks and other forms of entertainment have been added.

Though the play has some new angles, people will see what the feaste has offered in the past.

"Parts of it are new, but it still holds true to its 28-years tradition," said Jason Daunter, theatrical play director for the feaste.

Students have been working on the feaste for more than two weeks and the singers have been putting parts together since the beginning of fall, Daunter said.

Everyone who buys a ticket will be involved in the dinner which offers four courses including soup and roast beef.

The Feaste will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Student Union. This year's show is being dedicated to Weymuth and Gilbert Whitney, who started the event in 1973.

Tickets for the event are \$22, and students have the choice to use their aladine meal card for purchase of the meal. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Fine Arts Department at 562-1326.

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Vandalism in residence hall causes concerns

By SARA SITZMAN
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After the rash of vandalism in Hudson Hall during the weekend, second floor residents were faced with the consequence of having their toilet paper taken away.

Hudson Hall Director Jennifer Griggs said the vandalism was discovered between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Saturday in the bathrooms on second floor north where a majority of the toilet paper dispensers were ripped off the walls and put into the toilets, while other dispensers had ripped covers.

Two weeks prior in the second floor south bathroom, derogatory words and pictures were drawn all over with permanent markers, Griggs said.

The person or group responsible for the vandalism is not known.

"We realize a lot of people in the hall were not responsible for the vandalism," Griggs said.

In direct response to the vandalism, the resident assistants were told to by Griggs remove all the toilet paper from the second floor bathrooms around 3 a.m. Saturday. However, they were instructed to

put it back by that same evening, less than 24 hours, Griggs said.

"This response is a very serious response," Griggs said. "I wanted to get their attention."

David Mincemeyer, a second floor resident, did not agree with the disciplinary action.

"I thought it was outrageous they would do something that unsanitary to the entire floor," Mincemeyer said.

The tactic of removing all the toilet paper from a floor has been used before but that it would never be done to an entire building at one

time, Griggs said.

However, to Mincemeyer, Griggs should not have responded by removing the toilet paper.

"I think she overstepped her boundaries," Mincemeyer said. "It was a very poor decision made on the part of the director."

Griggs suggests that residents concerned with the vandalism should talk with her or their RAs.

"I want people to realize this is a good building," she said. "We have generally a good community. We just want the vandalism to be stopped."

Center celebrates 5 years

By DESIREE SKINNER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Treatment Center celebrated its fifth anniversary Wednesday to recognize the facility's accomplishments of the past five years.

Guests included Maryville Mayor Mike Thompson, University President Dean Hubbard and Tom Clements, Missouri Department of Corrections Assistant Director of Adult Institutions.

"All of us at the Maryville Treatment Center are very proud that we have reached our anniversary and more importantly we are proud of what has been accomplished the

last five years," said Bill Burgess, Maryville Treatment Center Superintendent.

Northwest presented the center with a plaque honoring the organization's partnership and the facility's anniversary.

"I think the partnership is a marvelous relationship that has exceeded everyone's expectations," Hubbard said.

The treatment center also has an agreement with Northwest to provide education and substance abuse treatment services to offenders.

The institution began operation Dec. 3, 1996. It is a minimum-security correctional treatment center

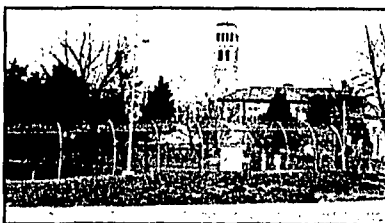


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The Maryville Treatment Center is located on U.S. Hwy. 136 east of Maryville.

capable of providing up to 525 male offenders. The facility is located on U.S. Hwy. 136 on 44 acres purchased in 1995 by the Department of Corrections.

The mission of the institution is "to return recovering offenders to society as productive, responsible and law-abiding citizens."

Senate discusses proposed committee

By KAYT WAHLERT
CHIEF REPORTER

A temporary committee is being formed by Student Senate to look at ways to promote communication between Northwest and other universities.

The proposed External Relations Committee is hoping to present new visions on the need for Northwest to reach outside of campus.

"I think that Northwest and our Student Senate should be aware of what other student government associations are doing," said Janson Thomas, on-campus representative. "I think it would be a benefit for us to see how they're tackling their problems so we could take a

look at how we could apply that here."

Thomas, who drafted the proposal, said the committee would "strive to promote communication between Student Senate and the larger society."

He intends for the committee to establish communication with Maryville residents, the Missouri state government and the student governments from other universities to establish good will, share ideas and gather information.

John Lakebrink, freshman class representative, said the committee would be a good way for students to learn and exchange new ideas.

People opposing the committee

argued there is no need for another committee to be formed to do the jobs that are done through other existing committees.

There is also concern for the lack of people willing to participate in the committees.

Vice President Tiffany Barman said it would be more beneficial to consolidate the efforts of the committees before creating new ones.

Dan Ayala, off-campus representative, also said the committee is unnecessary and has a problem with the legislation.

The temporary committee will give a report to Senate at the end of the year to decide if it will be made formal.

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Area churches commemorate Advent season

By ANN HARMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Nine Lessons and Carols Advent service Saturday night gave Maryville residents an opportunity to remember the true meaning of the Advent season.

In the quaint sanctuary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, members of several denominations, including Methodist, Catholic and Episcopalian, united to remember the real "reason for the season" by listening to scripture readings about events leading up to Christmas, the day Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

"It brings a spirit of Advent while much of the secular world is involved with the hustle and bustle of Christmas," said Abbot Gregory Polan of Conception Abbey. "You can lose the season of Advent if you don't have something like this."

Guest readers representing other churches joined Gina Smith, senior warden at St. Paul's and officiator of the service, to help people remember what Advent is and why it is important to most Christians.

"It's to prepare us for the birth of Christ," Smith said. "Pretty much in every church, that's the beginning of the church year."

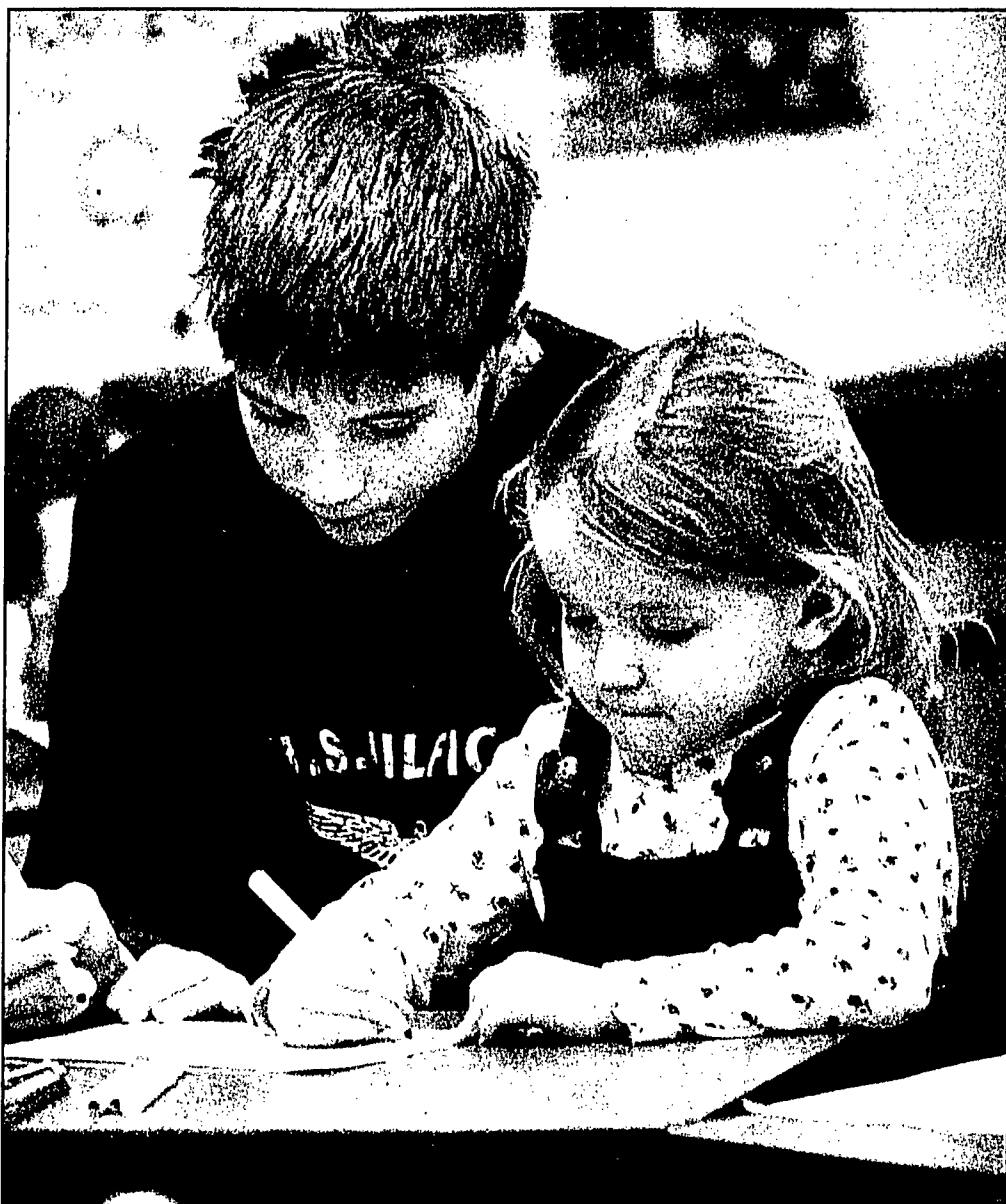
Because Advent does not celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the lessons and songs mainly come from Old Testament prophets, said Jeffery Loomis, music coordinator for the service.

The songs were performed by residents, Northwest students, and the Maryville Ecumenical choir.

Some songs, such as "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night" were included, but Loomis "adventized" the lyrics to make their meanings fit the service more accordingly.

The first Christmas service was in 1918 at Cambridge, England, at King's College and has become a world tradition. The service has been adapted over the years and has been a tradition at St. Paul's for eight years.

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Austin Holman and Kelly Phillips students at St. Gregory's make Christmas cards for residents of Nodaway Nursing Home as part of their annual Christmas project during the holiday and Advent.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Emotions cause stress, sadness during holiday

By LEAH ST. CLAIR
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The holidays are a time of joy for many people, but for others, they can be a time of sadness.

Many families will be mourning the loss of loved ones this holiday season in light of recent events, but there are ways to grieve without sinking into depression.

Counselor Simin Samie from the Northwest Counseling Center said the holidays cause families to grieve more because they are getting together with loved ones and remembering times spent with those they have lost.

"It's natural to feel bad and think more about someone you lost at this time of the year," Samie said.

Psychology professor John Bowers said the first holiday without a loved one is especially stressful. It is a time when the family is adjusting to the change of not having the loved one around, making a typically happy holiday a stressful time.

Bowers said people should remember that the grief process is different for everyone which makes

it difficult to know what would help someone who is grieving.

"Grief is not one singular process," Bowers said. "It is individual and different for everyone."

Depending on the stage of grieving, Samie suggested watching videos of the loved one or sharing stories with friends and family.

"The person is still there in memory and spirit," Samie said.

The most important thing a grieving person can do is spend time with others, Samie said. Let people share their love and show that they care, especially with recent loss. She said the grieving person should not keep emotions bottled inside, because it is normal to feel sad.

Health Online Inc. suggests deciding if you want someone to fill the special role your loved one may have had during the holidays. You may also want to change traditions.

For more information about the grieving process, contact the Counseling Center at 562-1220.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Local post office workers more aware this season

This year the U.S. Postal Service urges people not to procrastinate when sending holiday packages. With the attack on America, av-

erage citizens could assume their packages would take longer to reach their destination.

But Maryville postmaster John Karigan said that is not the case.

"All preventive measures have always been in effect," Karigan said. "We urge our employers to be observant and look for items that look suspicious and without a return address."

American-born Taliban fighter remains in Afghan custody

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

U.S. and Northern Alliance forces are holding an American who fought for the Taliban Monday.

The fighter identified as John Walker, 20, is receiving medical care for grenade and bullet wounds after surviving a battle in an Afghan prison.

Walker surrendered Saturday after spending seven days without food in the basement of a mud fort outside Mazar-e Sharif, the site of a revolt that killed hundreds of fighters.

During interviews with CNN, Walker recounted the events leading up to his surrender.

When U.S. bombing began, Walker said he fled 100 miles on foot to Konduz, where he was one of more than 3,000 Taliban soldiers

captured.

After he was shot in his leg, he fled to the basement bunker where other Taliban waited. During that time, gasoline was poured into the basement and ignited and grenades exploded.

Walker and remaining survivors did not emerge until Northern Alliance forces diverted an irrigation stream into the bunker.

He described the basement as a dungeon full of dead bodies. Walker was among three truckloads of prisoners, most wounded or dead, who had emerged or been taken from the basement bunker.

The Northern Alliance said it is holding Walker "for his own security" in a secret location, said Sayid Noorullah, a foreign ministry

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spokesman.

Walker will remain in Afghan custody and could face justice in an Afghan court, Noorullah said.

It is unknown what charges Walker could face as an American fighter for the Taliban. The military tribunals President George W. Bush wants to es-

tablish could not try an American.

Robert Goldman, a professor of international law at American University, said Walker could be considered a prisoner of war under the Third Geneva Convention, signed in 1929. Under the law, captured military personnel must have their lives spared and are not to be prosecuted.

Walker, who has been calling himself Abdul Hamid, grew up in Maryland and California and studied Islam before traveling to Afghanistan. Walker described himself as a convert to Islam and a "jihad" fighter, according to CNN. Walker said he had lived in northwest Pakistan and joined the Taliban six months ago.

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

■ A U.S. bomb killed three U.S. soldiers and five opposition forces fighting with them near Kandahar Wednesday. Nineteen others were injured and evacuated to a Marine base.

■ A man reputed to be Osama bin Laden's top deputy reportedly was wounded in an airstrike in Afghanistan. Pashtun commanders, speaking from Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan, said Ayman al-Zawahiri was injured Monday.

■ At a meeting of senior al Qaeda leaders in Afghanistan within the last year, a member of the terrorist network displayed a cylinder and said it contained radiological material that could be used in a so-called "dirty bomb," according to U.S. officials.

■ President Bush announced another wave of law enforcement activity in the United States and overseas designed to choke off financial support for al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

■ In Koenigswinter, Germany, delegates of four Afghan opposition groups have reached an agreement on the political structure of a post-Taliban interim government for Afghanistan.

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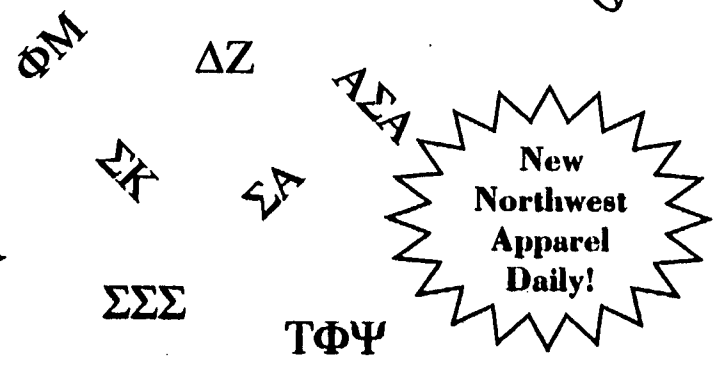
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OUR VIEW

Quality feedback

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On Dec. 13, Northwest faculty, administrators and students will board buses and head to St. Louis to celebrate winning the Missouri Quality Award for the second time.

While most students do not see this as a big deal, it is probably because they do not understand what the award means for the University and its students.

The application for the award took a year to complete with several people working on it. Eight hundred hours were spent examining Northwest and its operations, administration and employees.

The award represents excellence that is only achieved by quality in every area. University administration, faculty and staff work hard to improve the quality of Northwest. It is obvious that the people working here care about students and the education they receive.

The application required Northwest to examine the institution through brutally honest eyes.

Quality does not mean perfection. The feedback we received informed us of both our strengths and weaknesses. And the administration has been very open in telling students and faculty what areas need improvement.

To those who spent months gathering criteria and preparing the application, thank you. Thank you for your commitment to quality and for caring about the students.

At the risk of sounding like an admissions brochure, the Missouri Quality Award is just one sign that Northwest cares about its students.

The Culture of Quality comment cards offered to students are all read and the situation is corrected or handled. The cards are taken seriously and changes can occur as a result.

The new student covenant is a written statement made to freshman and transfer students guaranteeing them a quality education. In order to continually monitor quality, key quality indicators are used.

Each of these methods is in place to help students receive the best education possible.

So, to students, faculty, staff, administration and all of those who helped Northwest receive the Missouri Quality Award, thank you and congratulations.



MY VIEW

Editor says good-bye, thanks



MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For four and a half years I've been leaving the basement of Wells Hall during the wee hours of the morning and now as you read this — my 130th and final issue with *The Missourian* — I've done it for the last time.

For four and a half years, Wells Hall has been my home and *The Missourian* has been my life. It's been my passion and my escape from things like idiot roommates and homework.

No matter how bad of a day I was having, I could come to *The Missourian* office and forget about it. Sure, there was stress and frustration in the newsroom too, but it was a different kind of stress. It was a stress that I enjoyed and lived for.

It wasn't like turning in a term paper, knowing the professor would mark it up. It was a newspaper that we delivered to the community and students every Thursday, no matter what obstacles got in our way. I got the enjoyment of walking through the Student Union or Wal-Mart, seeing someone reading it and knowing it was informing people and making them think.

I have my mom to thank for most of this experience. If not for her, I might have never come to Northwest. My mind had been made up on Kansas University long before she convinced

me Northwest was the place I needed to be. In addition to Mom, I have Dad and Kati to thank for their love and support and the hours of listening to me vent my frustrations in e-mails and phone conversations.

I have to thank Laura Widmer and the journalism faculty for their constant support and advice. No matter how rough things got or how exhausted I was, I could always count on Laura for advice and encouragement. She's not just a great adviser, but a great friend.

Thank you to former basement dwellers who took on the role of editor. People like Jamie Hatz, Erica Smith, Jacob DiPietro, Niki Fuller and Jackie Tegen, who believed in me and weren't afraid to criticize me. Each of you taught me a little something every step of the way.

To Marjie Kosman, I want to say thanks for sticking with me through the rough times. You were a fine managing editor and an excellent person to work with. I couldn't have taken on a second round of this editor-in-chief business without you, and you helped make this last year a fun one.

I could fill this entire page with people I want to thank. But finally I'd like to thank people in the athletic department — former athletic director

Jim Redd and coaches Mel Tjeerdsma, Steve Tappmeyer and Darren Vorderbruegge — and members of the administration, including University President Dean Hubbard. I'm appreciative of their time, patience, support and the relationships I've built with them over the years.

My term here started out as a lowly practicum staffer with an eight-inch high school cross country story and turned into two years as editor-in-chief, and now I have to say good-bye.

As this final issue has drawn closer, many people have teased me that I'll probably cry — and I might. But through all the blood, sweat, tears and sleepless nights that have been put into this newspaper each week, I have an archive full of memories and experiences.

I will never forget the feelings of two national football championships, getting literally no sleep during Homecoming weeks, covering the death of Gov. Mel Carnahan and that awful week of Sept. 11.

With a long sigh, I've shut down the computers and locked the doors for the last time. And now with my final words in *The Missourian*, to Maryville and Northwest, good-bye and thanks for reading.

Mark Hornickel can be contacted at 562-1224 or at mhornickel@missourianonline.com

MY VIEW

Photog offers Top 10



JOHN PETROVIC
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

After four and half years of good and bad times at Northwest, I have narrowed it down to a Letterman-like Top 10 List.

Top 10 things, good or bad, I will miss about Northwest:

10. Deadline nights: The late Tuesday nights that I spent in the basement of Wells Hall will surely not be missed. Yes, there were some fun times, but I will enjoy having a life on Tuesday nights and not having to worry that I still have a Communication Law or Theories paper to write.

9. The cold weather: The unbelievably cold weather that arrives in Maryville around this time of year is something that I dread each winter. Although I got lucky and had two days canceled because of the weather, walking across campus from the high rises to Wells with snow on the ground and the wind whipping me around is something I will be happy to leave behind.

8. Union food: We have our choice of food to eat at the Union, but it did get old. You can only have so many hamburgers (if that's what you want to call them) and metal shavings in chicken nuggets.

7. The campus: I have to give everyone who works on this campus and makes it beautiful high praise. The campus is something we can all be proud of, and all take pride in the fact that we have something pleasant to look at.

6. My roommates: From my first roommate who didn't listen to anything but Rusty Root and Dave Matthews to my current one. We had some fun making 3 a.m. runs to Wal-Mart and making quiet hours during finals week riot hours.

5. The Pub: Like Chris Griesen said, there were only great times at The Pub. I will never forget all the shuffleboard and foosball games that were played, and I also can't forget the crazy night after the win against Pittsburg State during the 2000 season. My roommate (who I will call Jim Bob to protect his identity) and I didn't plan to have such an amazing time, but let's just say that I, and certainly my roommate, didn't forget that night 'til late Sunday evening.

4. The Urge: Finally this trimester the University brought in some good music. People who know me well know The Urge is my favorite band of all time, and that I was jumping up and down with excitement when I found out they were coming. It was one of the best nights of my college career when they went nuts on stage, and the fact it was also my birthday was a huge plus.

3. The Bearcat football team: Wow, what a ride I had for the years I was lucky enough to be on the sidelines. All the amazing comebacks, the two national championships (especially the four overtime game) and yes, even the heart-breaking losses. Thanks everyone on the team for letting me leave with great memories.

2. My teachers: I have to say thank you to my teachers for helping me throughout my years. Although I wasn't always "awake" during the classes, I did enjoy what I learned. I have to single out Laura Widmer. Thanks for everything you did for me. I am not sure I would be where I am right now without you.

1. My friends: Through the good times and bad they were always there. We didn't always get along, but we always stuck together. I will never forget the friends I made here and times we shared. Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat!

CORRECTIONS

■ In the Nov. 29 issue of *The Missourian*, Jasmine Prothero was not identified in the photo "Getting into the holiday spirit."

■ Due to a reporter's error, Joe Drake was misquoted in the Nov. 29 articles "Young grapplers start season against St. Pius" and "Wrestler hoping for return to state." *The Missourian* regrets the error.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Constitution Day** (Spain)
 ■ **Madrigal Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom
 ■ **Country Faith Shindig**, 9 p.m., Community Building
 ■ **Yuletide Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom
 ■ **"Table Manners and More,"** 11:15 a.m., Northwest Technical School

MONDAY

■ **Hanukkah**
 ■ **Final Exams**
 ■ **StuCo Meeting**, 7:45 a.m., Middle School
 ■ **Girl Scouts Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ **Boy Scouts Meeting**, 7 p.m., First Christian Church

FRIDAY

■ **Missouri Quality Award Reception**, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Student Union board room
 ■ **Art Department Pottery Sale**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fine Arts Building basement
 ■ **Yuletide Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom
 ■ **Madrigal Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom

TUESDAY

■ **Final Exams**
 ■ **Staff Appreciation and Recognition Dinner and Program**, noon, Student Union ballroom

SATURDAY

■ **Yuletide Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom
 ■ **ACT**, 8 a.m., Colder Hall third floor
 ■ **Art Department Pottery Sale**, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fine Arts Building basement
 ■ **Madrigal Feaste**, 6:30 p.m., Student Union ballroom
 ■ **Sigma Alpha Iota Christmas Tea**, noon to 4 p.m., First Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY

■ **Final Exams**
 ■ **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Mexico)
 ■ **Prayer Meeting**, 6:15 p.m., First Baptist Church
 ■ **High School Bible Study**, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church
 ■ **Nodaway County University Outreach and Extension Council Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex

SUNDAY

■ **Theatre: "A Tale of Tails,"** 2 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ **Stadium Campaign Kickoff**, 3 p.m., Bearcat Arena
 ■ **Christmas Cantata**, 10:25 a.m., First Christian Church
 ■ **General Board Meeting**, 7 p.m., First Christian Church

THURSDAY

■ **Final Exams**
 ■ **Board of Regents meeting**, 3 p.m., St. Louis
 ■ **Excellence in Missouri Foundation Dinner**, 6 p.m., St. Louis
 ■ **MOMFIT**, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church

PUBLIC SAFETY

Dec. 2

■ An officer received a report of a domestic dispute in the 800 block of East Third. Upon arrival, the offenders had left the area.

■ While assisting officers on another call, an officer stopped a vehicle in the 400 block of North Water. The driver of the vehicle was identified as William J. McBane IV, 19, St. Joseph. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for failure to comply and resisting arrest by flight.

Dec. 3

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken the license tabs from his vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a window on a door had been broken on a building in the 100 block of North Vine.

■ An officer received a report from a Holt male that he had been assaulted while at Mazingo Lake.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken a wallet from her shopping cart at a business in the 1600 block of South Main.

■ Nicole D. Goldstein, 19, Holden, was stopped at the intersection of West First and Walnut. Harold W. Spire, 43, Maryville, was traveling west on West First. Goldstein entered the intersection and struck Spire. Goldstein was issued a summons for failure to yield right of way from a stop.

BIRTHS

Tucker Bryan Musgrove

Justin Musgrove and Tracy Pendleton, Maryville, are the parents of Tucker Bryan, born Nov. 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. His grandparents are Kate Pendleton, Blue Springs; Tim and Mary Pendleton, Independence; Carol Shaffner, O'Fallon; and Greg and Kelly Musgrove, O'Fallon. His great-grandparents are Pat

and Clyde Bailey, Blue Springs; LaVerne Pendleton, Blue Springs; Willard and Norma Kock, St. Charles; and Deloris and Bill Musgrove, St. Charles.

DEATHS

Sister Mary Paschalia Noser

Sister Mary Paschalia Noser, 94, Clyde, died Nov. 27 at Our Lady of Rickenbach Care Center in Clyde.

She was born Sept. 11, 1907, to Adolph and Catherine Noser in Belleville, Ill.

She is survived by one sister, Florence McDevitt, nieces and nephews.

Services were Nov. 29 at Main Chapel of the Benedictine Convent. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

Lillian Gray

Lillian Gray, 85, Independence, died Nov. 29 at Pleasant Valley Manor in Pleasant Valley.

She was born Jan. 27, 1916, to William and Lillie Snyder in Barnard.

She is survived by two sons, Leroy and Larry; one daughter, Karen Childress; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 3 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Donald Bollinger

Donald Bollinger, 78, Hopkins, died Nov. 28 at Beverly Care Center in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 18, 1922, to Harry and Frances Bollinger in Union Star.

He is survived by two daughters, Pamela Fox and Donna Sharp; one son, Ronald; two brothers, Lynn and Robert; and six grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 1 at Swanson-Price Chapel in Hopkins. Burial was at Hopkins Cemetery in Hopkins.

Ferne Gray

Ferne Gray, 85, Burlington Junction, died Nov. 28 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born May 8, 1941, to Thomas and Eunice Reed in Quitman.

She is survived by two sons, Dennis and Doyle; two sisters, Faye Gray and Helen Hockman; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service took place Dec. 1 at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rec Center punishment unfair

Last Wednesday night some friends and I went to the Rec Center looking forward to playing a good old-fashioned game of basketball.

To our dismay, as we walked in the gym, we saw only two basketball goals up with a stupid white plastic fence in the middle of the court to keep people from playing full-court basketball. This was the result of a fight that broke out between students at the Rec Center who could not act mature while playing a game of basketball.

Granted, what these students did was uncalled for and it deserves punishment.

But let's just punish the people involved and not the whole student body. As a student here at Northwest, part of my tuition goes to the upkeep of the Student Rec Center and the privilege to play there. When I walked in the Rec Center that night it was like I was back at elementary school with all the barriers in the middle of the courts dictating where we can play and where we can't.

Have you ever thought what would happen if there was a fight in the Student Union? Would we be limited to only the first floor? Or maybe the Union would just close altogether until everyone learned their lesson. The "consequences" of limiting the use of our Rec Center aren't going to do a thing to keep people from not getting into a fight again.

I'm positive that if the students involved in this incident knew full-court basketball wasn't going to be allowed, their actions wouldn't have changed one bit. However, if they aren't allowed to use the Rec Center because of their abuse of this privilege until next fall, that might have some effect on their decision to cause a fight.

SCOTT SHANNAHAN

GEOGRAPHY MAJOR

Downtown event successful

The Sixth Annual Downtown Trick-Or-Treat was a successful event this year with more than 600 costumed children, their parents, interested spectators and 24 businesses participating. As organizer for this event, I want to take a moment to thank everyone involved.

I want to thank the wonderful people at 1-2-4 Music, Boyles Motors, Inc., Dominos Pizza, Emily's Flower Shack, Fields Clothing, Hair Clinique, Looks Salon and Fitness Center, Maryville Daily Forum, Mr. Goodcents Subs and Pasta, Nodaway News Leader, Priority 1 Realty, Sport Shop, Store of Colors and The Student Body. These businesses participate in this event faithfully each year.

This year we had nine new participants: Advantage 2000 Plus, Bearcat Express, Enterprise Realty, Heather's Dance Studio, Hole in One Entertainment, Main Street Coffee, Maryville Chamber of Commerce, The Muddy Creek and New York Life Insurance Company. Thank you so much for joining the fun.

Special thanks to Maryville Public Safety for the officer patrolling downtown and Rod Coutts at Accent Printing for his support through the years. Thanks, *The Northwest Missourian*, for the feature article informing everyone of our event. Thank you to the schools for handing out flyers. Thank you parents and children for the wonderful costumes. Everyone was delightful.

I want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come back downtown during the holidays. There are a wide variety of shops and services in Downtown Maryville. Come enjoy our diversity.

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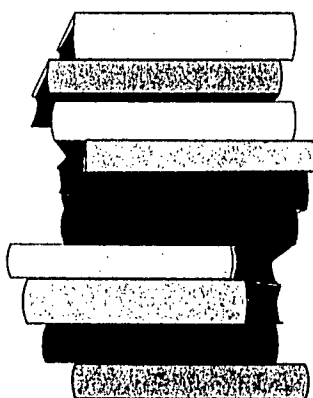
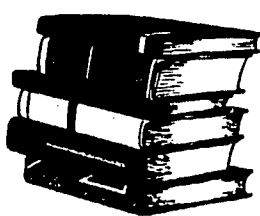
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Reclaiming a normal life

Former student adapts to changes after battling brain tumor

By MEGAN TADY
FEATURES EDITOR

From the outside, Laurie DenOuden seemed like a normal Northwest college graduate.

There were only a few clues that a rare, life-threatening tumor was growing in the center of her brain.

Perhaps what gave it away were the cases of soda she consumed every week to help keep her awake. Or it could have been the 12-hour Sudafed pills she popped every few hours to keep her from nodding off at work. Or that annoying "glare" on her computer screen that made the words only barely legible blown up at 200 percent.

Or maybe it was when she fell asleep at the wheel of her car and awoke seconds later in the middle of a median.

Whatever it was, Laurie, 23, and her parents, Christine and Robert DenOuden, knew something was desperately wrong. They were right.

A week before Easter in 2000, Laurie was diagnosed with suprasellar germinoma, a malignant brain tumor commonly found in males that is diagnosed at a rate of less than one-half percent. The doctors called it a "fluke of nature."

"I don't remember much," Laurie said. "I don't even remember him saying it was a tumor. I just remember sitting in the car not really having any thoughts at all."

Now, 18 months after intensive radiation and steroids, Laurie recounts her story at her parents' home in St. Joseph; her memories of the experience are hazy.

Laurie is nestled between her mother and father on the couch in the living room. A half-decorated Christmas tree sits in the corner, its

decorations forgotten in the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving. Laurie's dog, James Dean, barks for attention in the back yard. The feeling of normalcy is so strong, one could never guess what the family has been through.

That is, of course, if no one notices the uncommonly strong bond between mother and daughter, when only two years ago they "didn't get along all the time." Or the framed picture of Laurie showing the drastic changes her treatment caused: a white hat covers her bald head; she is easily 30 pounds heavier; she is barely recognizable. They keep it there to remind them.

But Laurie's mother does not need much reminding. She tells

Such thinking could have brought about the frightening realization of what could have happened the day Laurie stopped breathing in the hospital.

"I was just kind of frozen in time," Christine said. "And I watched her for a few seconds and I said, 'She's not breathing.'"

As a result, Laurie had two holes drilled into her skull. Drain tubes were hooked to ventricles in the brain to release spinal fluid.

Doctors at the MAYO Clinic in Minnesota, where Laurie was being treated, moved quickly and began radiation. In order for the radiation to be successful, Laurie had to lie on her stomach, her head hanging over the bed with "goosey" spinal fluid dripping from drain tubes onto her face.

"If I moved the slightest little bit, to itch or something, they had to completely reposition me," Laurie said. "I tried to lay there as much as I could because I knew it would get over a lot faster."

Christine said the doctors were in awe about Laurie's patience.

"We were thoroughly amazed at her willpower," Christine said. "When she makes up her mind and decided that's what I have to do, she did it."

But the DenOudens don't just attribute Laurie's recovery to willpower. The cross necklace Laurie wears is a testament to her belief that prayer made the difference.

"It was overwhelming how many people in St. Joe, and actually all over the world, prayed for us,"



It's been 18 months since Laurie DenOuden has been through radiation treatment and taken steroids to fight a rare brain tumor. While the tumor may be gone, Laurie, with her dog James Dean, is still coping with its aftermath.

Christine said. "We had Muslims praying for us as well as Christians. St. Joe and our church were extremely supportive."

Laurie's "Get Well" cards fill up several notebooks. Members of her church have nicknamed her their "little miracle."

Which may be a fitting name. Two months after battling a tumor so rare, she is now a case study for doctors, she was deemed healthy enough to return home and has remained so for the last 18 months. She has routine check-ups for the next year to monitor her progress.

In the meantime, Laurie works

as an administrative assistant for the American Cancer Society in Kansas City, Mo.; a different direction than her intended journalism degree.

"I think she thought there would be some way, even if indirectly, that she would be helping others that were going through something similar," Christine said.

Leaning against her father on the couch, she looks once again like the normal college graduate. Her blond hair has grown back. She has lost the weight she gained from taking steroids. The only sign of her tumor is the gold medical alert anklet that

gleams every time her pants creep a little too high.

But taking a closer look, it's apparent she hasn't fully recovered. Her short-term memory has suffered and she has developed diabetes insipidus.

"I'm just finding new ways to do things," Laurie said. "I have to take a lot of notes and ask a lot of questions because I can't do it very fast. I have trouble focusing on many things."

While Laurie has things to overcome, some aspects of her life have changed for the better.

"I'm a better Christian," Laurie said. "I see things in a different way. Everything's not do or die. I'm just thankful that I'm here. I think my outlook is just that I'm alive. My priorities are different. Family is more important to me now than it ever has been."

Laurie's mom has also noticed the changes.

"She keeps talking about wanting to work with people," Christine said. "She didn't use to be that much of a people person. But she's more giving of herself I think now."

As Laurie prepares for her drive back to Kansas City, she knows she has come a long way.

Still, she knows normal isn't what normal used to be.

"It will never be the same normal," Laurie said. "But I'm at a good place. And it gets better everyday."

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Northwest men's basketball

Bearcats keep rolling with two wins

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 11-ranked Northwest men's basketball team picked up two more victories over the weekend on its way to sharing the Best Western Dallas Inn & Suites Classic Championship with the University of California State-Bakersfield.

By winning both games the Bearcats moved their unbeaten streak to six games and jumped to No. 11 in the latest NABC/Division II Bulletin poll.

Despite the long bus trip to Oregon, junior forward Floyd Jones thought the 'Cats were ready for Friday's game.

"I felt we prepared well for the trip," Jones said.

That might have been a bit of an understatement from Jones as the 'Cats defeated University of Western Oregon for the second time this season, 77-63, and defeated Seattle University 76-40, holding Seattle to only nine first-half points.

The 'Cats were also welcomed with the emergence of junior college transfer guard Ben McCollum. He scored 13 points in the win over Western Oregon and was 3-for-4 from the field, including 2-of-3 from behind the arc.

In the win over Seattle University McCollum had a team-high 16

points. He continued his torrid shooting pace, hitting 5-of-6 shots including 3-of-4 from the three-point line.

The team told McCollum he would get his chance to step up and do something, Jones said.

"We had been telling him his opportunity was going to come and to be prepared for it," Jones said. "Coming in, I thought he would be a good player anyway because he worked real hard and his habits were good. He showed that this weekend and played well."

Northwest never trailed in its opening contest over Western Oregon, but was tied at 10-10 seven

minutes into the game. The 'Cats used a 7-0 run, keyed by a McCollum three-pointer, to put some distance between themselves and Western Oregon.

Senior center Matt Rowan, who had a team-high 17 points and six rebounds, made two free throws with 7:45 to go in the first half to increase the Northwest lead to 25-13.

The Bearcats led at the half 38-26, but had their lead cut to 43-38 in the second half when Western Oregon made a 7-0 run. Rowan quickly answered with a layup, ending the run and the 'Cats bumped their lead back into double digits with junior Jelani

Walker's three-pointer.

Walker, like McCollum, has also been a spark off the bench, Jones said.

"I like it when they come off the bench, because that means I don't have to worry about doing too much," Jones said. "I do what I need to do and then we have people come off the bench that are just as good, or maybe better."

The Bearcats' defense was stellar against Seattle. Northwest held the Redhawks to nine points in the first half, and the Redhawks had four points in the first four minutes.

Seattle shot 17 percent from the field in the first half and only

10 percent from the three-point line.

The 'Cats were on fire. They shot 60 percent from the field in the first half and 66 percent from behind the arc.

They used an 18-0 run to make the score 22-4 with 5:25 to go in the first half. They also used a 15-0 run with five minutes to go in the first half to lead at halftime 37-9.

McCollum had 11 of his game-high 16 points in the first half. Walker also had 13 points in the victory.

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Northwest women's basketball

Women ease past Rockhurst 81-66

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team moved its record to 5-2, the best start under head coach Gene Steinmeyer, with a 81-66 victory over Rockhurst University Wednesday.

Northwest will now enjoy a lengthy break, not playing again until Dec. 31, in a rematch against Rockhurst.

The 'Cats pulled away from the Lady Hawks toward the end of the first half as they went on a 14-2 run to end the half with a 40-29 lead.

Northwest led 17-15 in the first half and increased its lead to nine points, 24-15 with 9:35 to go, on sophomore Brooke Hogue's three-pointer.

Rockhurst fought back, though, using a 10-2 run to make the score 27-26, the last time they would lead in the game. Rockhurst got successive three point plays from junior center Patricia Kozlowska and junior Amber Krumbholz to take the lead.

Kozlowska and Krumbholz were the offense for the Lady Hawks, scoring 21 and 20 points respectively. Kozlowska had the game-high in points.

Northwest rattled off 11 straight points to answer. Senior guard Dena McMullen, sophomore Tanesha Fields and junior center Sarah Vollertson all scored points in the spurt.

Hogue led five 'Cats in double figures scoring 19 points. Vollertson had 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Fields had 15 points and seven boards, while seniors Jerica Miller and Kristin Anderson had 13 and 10 points, respectively.

The 'Cats were led all night by their strong defensive play. They forced 26 Lady Hawk turnovers and had 17 steals. The defense converted those turnovers into 20 first half points.

Rockhurst came out the second half trying to fight its way back into the game. They used an 8-4 run to cut the Northwest lead to seven points at 44-37.

Northwest extended the lead right back to nine points, 46-37, when Miller hit a layup off of the Northwest press



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Rockhurst 66
Bearcats move to 5-2 overall

break.

Building a 16 point lead, 66-50, in the second half Northwest appeared to be cruising comfortably to its fifth win of the season.

Rockhurst used a 9-4 run to cut the lead to 70-59, but that is as close as they would get the rest of the game.

Before the game head coach Gene Steinmeyer just hoped his team would make it through uninjured.

"We need to survive this last game and get to break so a few of our players will get a chance to rest," Steinmeyer said. "Jenna, Stacy and Brooke all have slight injuries that they have been playing through. It will be nice to get Katie (Scherer) back after break. She was really playing some good basketball before she hurt her ankle."

Northwest shot 43 percent from the field on the night, but was not as hot in Saturday's win over Benedictine College.

The Bearcats came out with a 68-62 victory.

The 'Cats received production from two unlikely sources, Vollertson and sophomore forward Jenna Wolfe.

Wolfe played a part in the first 12 Bearcat points of the game, as she assisted on three baskets and made three shots of her own.

She finished the game with 10 points and nine rebounds, one rebound away from a double-double.

Vollertson also played a big role in the victory. She came off the bench to log 22 minutes and score 11 points to go along with her nine rebounds.

After knee surgery earlier in the year, Vollertson said she is getting back into the swing of things.

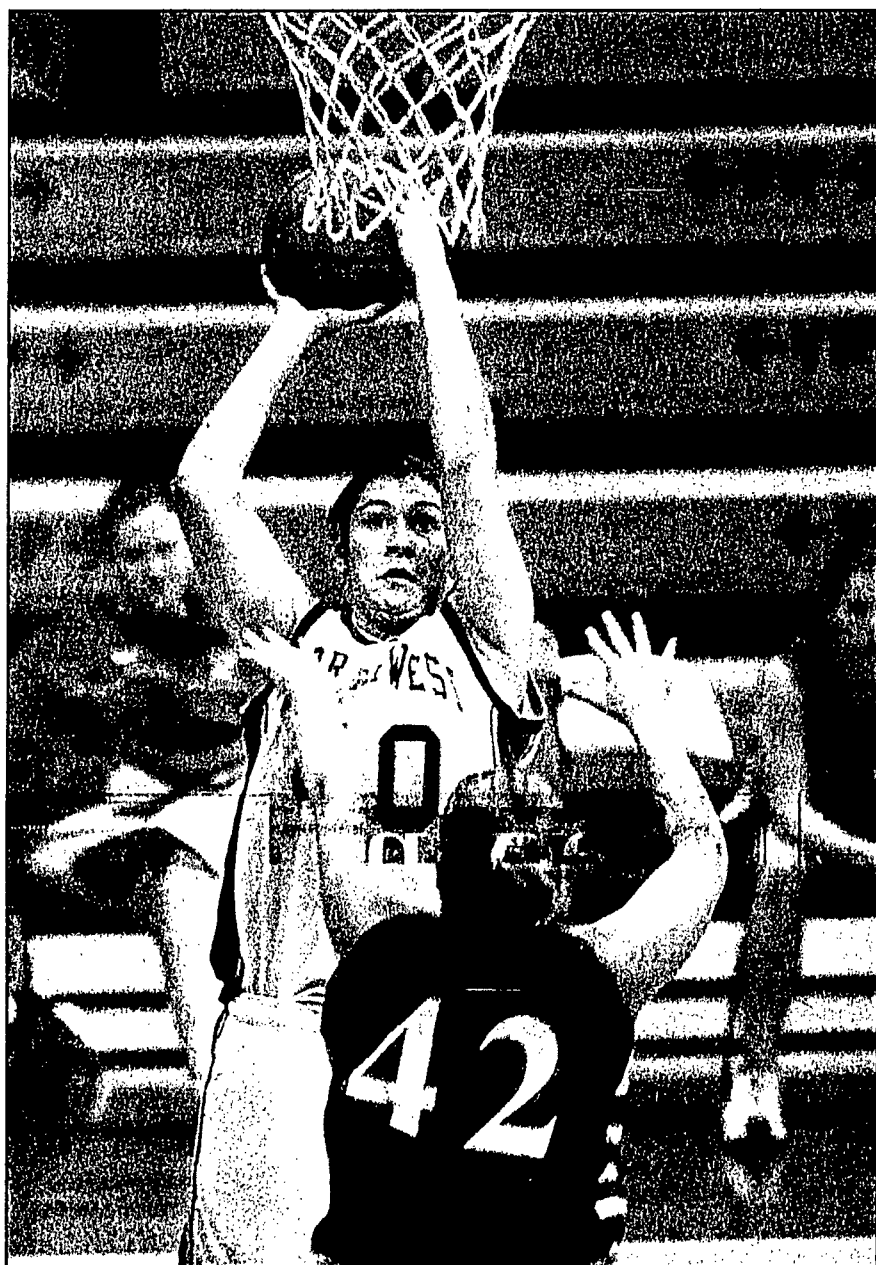


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Sophomore center Sara Vollertson goes up for two points over Katie Isobaker during the Bearcats 81-66 win over Rockhurst University Wednesday night in Bearcat Arena. The next game for the 'Cats will be at Rockhurst on Dec. 31.

"It feels really good to just get back and be playing again," Vollertson said.

Steinmeyer agreed it was good to have Vollertson back and said she will be needed when the team gets into MIAA play.

"If we are going to be effective in the MIAA, we are going to need an inside presence and she provides that," Steinmeyer said.

The 'Cats led the Ravens 18-17 with 11:35 to go in the first half when Hogue

made three consecutive three-pointers to give Northwest a 27-20 lead.

The 'Cats led 43-33 at the half and led by as many as 11 points in the second half before the Ravens cut the Northwest lead to four points with 1:29 to go.

McMullen clinched the game with two free throws to make the final score 81-62.

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Northwest football

Tailgate party set for Sunday

By BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

The biggest tailgate party in Maryville will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Bearcat Arena.

The stadium campaign kickoff means Northwest fans are one step closer to having new bleachers to sit in and new luxury suites to party in.

The event is open to the public and admission is free, although individuals have to wear green and white to be let in. The kickoff will feature drawings of the stadium, Bearcat football highlights on big-screen televisions and door prizes. Northwest cheerleaders will be handing out free refreshments and the pep band will be playing songs.

Speakers include head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest President Dean Hubbard and Central Missouri president of the Northwest Foundation, Craig Kiley.

While the new stadium will be an upgrade from the current Rickenbrode Stadium, Tjeerdsma said the current Rickenbrode has never been a negative.

"It's always full of people and so our fans have helped us in that respect, because it has always been full," Tjeerdsma said. "Now, when you look out there and you know what you are going to have it is really exciting."

The new features of the stadium will include classrooms, locker rooms, improved and increased seating on the west grandstand, an improved press box, private suites, a larger scoreboard, instant replay/video screen on the scoreboard, the concession area being converted into a souvenir shop, increased concession and restroom facilities, increased handicapped accessibility and an atrium entrance that includes trophies, pictures and historic displays.

The features will help with recruiting, Tjeerdsma said.

"It will be a tremendous asset because it does hurt us with recruiting, especially when people are looking at Central Missouri, Emporia or Pittsburg," Tjeerdsma said.

While it will definitely benefit the football team, the renovations will have other benefits for the University, Hubbard said.

"It's going to be a great benefit in a lot of ways," Hubbard said. "First thing everyone thinks about is football, but I look at it beyond football. What this has done is it has raised the standard of giving for the University, people who used to give \$1,000 are now giving \$100,000 or \$200,000, and those kinds of gifts are what we will continue to receive, and we will not go backwards form moving on the stadium."

The project has been in the works for several years and two anonymous donations totaling \$1.5 million gave the project the green light. More than \$3.5 million in commitments has been made for the \$5 million dollar project.

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Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds win again 66-40

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The boys' keep coming for the Maryville High School boys' basketball team as it improved to 3-0 on the season with a 66-40 beating of South Harrison Tuesday.

The 'Hounds hope to make it 4-0 Friday as they take homecourt against Leblond. Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said defense was key in Tuesday's win, and that will not change on Friday.

"I really think that's going to be a key to our team's success this year," Kuwitzky said. "We've got to get after it on defense, because we don't have a real tall team. We don't have a lot of size, so we're going to have to really work hard on defense."

Maryville's defense held South Harrison to 23 points in the first half Tuesday, while offensively the 'Hounds exploded in the mid-second quarter with a 14-4 run. Senior Ross Hullinger led the spurt with five points before being taken out with his third foul.

The 'Hounds took a 32-23 halftime lead and extended it in the third quarter with a 13-0 run.

Junior Adam Howell led the attack by scoring seven of his nine points in the third quarter. With increased defensive pressure, the 'Hounds held

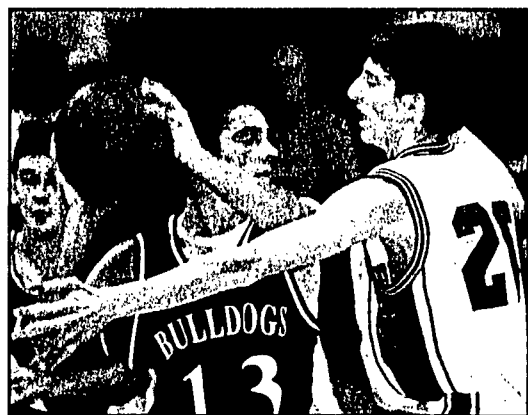


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Junior guard Adam Howell (right) defends Bulldog Ben Butler during the Spoofhounds 66-40 victory. Howell finished with a total of nine points on the night. The 'Hounds will be back in action Friday.

the Bulldogs scoreless for the first six minutes of the third quarter. South Harrison only scored 11 points in the fourth quarter as Maryville cruised on to win the game 66-40.

Hullinger had a game-high 16 points, with junior David Akins also in double-digits with 10 points. Howell and junior Dylan Hurst both finished with nine points.

Every player on the roster contributed points in Tuesday's win, another factor Kuwitzky said will be key in the future.

"You always like to have that, a balanced team and a good bench," Kuwitzky said. "I think we're developing that."

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Northwest track and field

Trackster defying the odds

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Senior trackster April House is no stranger to overcoming obstacles to get where she wants to be.

House was diagnosed with cystic hydroma in her trachea when she was only three weeks old. The battle with the disease required numerous surgeries, the latest last year, and scarring has significantly reduced her airway.

However, this obstacle has only fueled House's desire to succeed in the sport she loves.

"It's something I've faced my whole life, so I've learned to deal with it," House said. "I use it as motivation to push myself and accomplish what I set out to do."

Her achievements speak for themselves about her ability to overcome.

During her senior year at North Andrew High School, House was part of a second-place team finish at the state championship track meet.

Not impressive enough? Consider this.

House, the only teammate to qualify for the state meet, won the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and long jump categories.

She also finished second in a close race to current Northwest teammate freshman Renae Miller in the 100-meter hurdles, though she jokingly insisted no hard feelings remain.

"This team (at Northwest) is the most united team we've ever had," House said. "We're all best friends, we stick together and support each other whenever someone has a bad day."

These finishes provided House with enough points to individually finish a close second in a team meet.

Her winning spirit followed her to Northwest, where she qualified to participate in last year's national meet in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and long jump.

She also won the MIAA conference last season in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes.

"April is one of those athletes every coach loves to have," head coach Vicki Wooton said. "She'll do everything you ask and 100 percent more. Her accomplishments prove that."

House, a second-year captain on the Northwest track team, is ready to further these accomplishments as she prepares to lead her team to another successful season of indoor track.



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Senior trackster April House was diagnosed with cystic hydroma when she was three weeks old. It has not slowed her down though, because last season she was a conference champion in the 55-meter and 200-meter dashes.

"Everyone's doing an excellent job," House said. "If everything goes well, we should have more girls going to nationals than we have ever had before."

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Maryville girls' basketball



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Spoofhound junior Alexis Townsend defends South Harrison Bulldog Tiffany Graham during the 'Hounds; 72-30 win Tuesday. Erin Lohafer had a game-high 22 points, while Townsend finished the night with two points.

'Hounds crush Bulldogs 72-30

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School girls' basketball team travels to Leblond Thursday with high spirits after pounding South Harrison 72-30 Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds bounced back from dropping games to Lafayette and St. Pius X last week to pick up their second win of the season Tuesday.

After the game, head coach Randall Cook talked about benefits of the win.

"Tonight, I just wanted to get a lot of learning in for Thursday and then the county tournament," Cook said. "I think we did that."

Learning from the game should be no problem as 12-of-13 team members saw playing time, the only exception being senior guard Sundi Sutton, who has been sidelined the last two games with an ankle injury.

"Right away I told people that if they didn't do certain things or

made mistakes in certain areas, that I was going to pull them out real quick, tell them about it and then get them back in," Cook said.

The inside duo of senior Erin Lohafer and junior Caileen Bradley had no problems early as their efforts keyed an 8-0 run to start the game.

Maryville took an 18-7 lead at the end of the first, then made a 7-0 run at the beginning of the second quarter.

Sophomore Hallie Blackney led the way, scoring all eight of her points in the second quarter.

With a 43-19 halftime lead, the 'Hounds never looked back. A strong defense and a good showing by the bench secured the game for Maryville.

"I thought defense was much improved," Cook said. "We made them work for all 30 of their points. At times, we committed some silly fouls from being out of position, but defense was a focus, and I thought

we did a much better job with that."

Lohafer had a game-high 22 points, with Bradley chipping in 12. Sophomore Cindy Austin came off the bench to score eight points while sophomore Hilary Reynolds added five points and five steals.

Last week did not go as well for the 'Hounds as they lost a road game to St. Pius X, 60-52, on Friday and a home game to St. Joseph Lafayette, 54-50, on Thursday.

"I don't think the girls knew how good Lafayette was," Cook said. "I stressed it and I told them about it, but sometimes they have to see it before they believe it."

Lohafer led Maryville with 14 points against the Irish, followed by Bradley with 12.

Blackney and Sutton both added nine points, with Sutton a perfect 6-for-6 at the free throw line.

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Maryville wrestling

Grapplers take down Pius

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville wrestling team is ready for its home opener against Plattsburg Thursday after crushing St. Pius X, 66-17.

The 'Hounds are preparing for their home opener by concentrating on their own abilities, head coach Joe Drake said.

"Once we know the opponent's lineup, we can make adjustments for their strengths and weaknesses," Drake said. "But, we will always focus on what we do best. We just don't want to go in and wrestle their types of matches."

The young team, with only two seniors and 17 freshmen, has been practicing for more than a month, dedicating time to working on basics.

"With the number of younger wrestlers, we spend a lot of time working on fundamentals," Drake said. "But, I think we have progressed really well."

With so many younger athletes, the more experienced wrestlers will have to play an important role in helping them this season, Drake said.

"Not only is it going to take effort on the mat by the older wrestlers, it's also going to take a lot of leadership," Drake said. "They can't go and wrestle a match for a freshman, but they can give them advice and encouragement."

The 'Hounds' abilities will be tested again as the team faces Plattsburg. Matches begin at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Freshman Dan Blair (top) and sophomore Joe Henry practice the arm bar series in practice Wednesday. The Spoofhounds have their home opener Thursday against Plattsburg with matches starting at 7 p.m. at Maryville High School.

The 'Hounds started their season on a high note Tuesday as they defeated Pius 66-17.

The young 'Hounds varsity team started only four upperclassmen, compared to 10 freshmen and sophomores, but managed to win 10-of-14 matches, all pins.

The upperclassmen proved their leadership abilities as seniors C.J. Messner and Jacob Lancaster and juniors Evan Durfey and Darrel Shanks all pinned their opponents for victories.

Freshmen Daniel Blair, Justin Driskell, Skyler Vandiver and

Michael Jelavich, as well as sophomores Joseph Drake and Anthony Ferry, also earned pins in their matches.

Only three 'Hounds were defeated in the matches as one weight class remained open.

The 'Hounds were pleased to finally have a match under their belt.

"We've been practicing since the first of November," Drake said. "That's a long time. We're ready to start wrestling someone else besides each other."

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Heisman Trophy

Harrington one step closer to top honor

By ADAM JUDE

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(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. - Joey Harrington took a big step Tuesday to become Joey Heisman.

The Oregon senior quarterback was named one of four finalists for the Heisman Trophy award, given annually to the nation's top college football player.

Three other quarterbacks were also named finalists — Miami's Ken Dorsey, Nebraska's Eric Crouch and Florida's Rex Grossman.

The finalists were selected based on 20 percent of the 923 ballots that have already been submitted for the award.

Harrington was third in the balloting Tuesday with 12 first-place

votes; Crouch was in first place with 30 first-place votes followed by Grossman (20 first-place votes).

The winner will be announced Saturday during a dinner ceremony at New York's Marriott Marquis. The event will be broadcast on ESPN at 4 p.m. PST.

"These players have had phenomenal seasons across the board and anyone of them would be deserving of college football's highest honor," Rudy Riska, executive director of the Heisman Memorial Trophy Trust, told the Associated Press.

Harrington's Heisman campaign began last summer when donors paid \$250,000 to have a 100-foot poster of Harrington draped on the side of a building in downtown New

York.

The Portland native led the Ducks to a school-record 10-win regular season and the Pac-10 Conference championship, capped off by a 17-14 win over Oregon State in the Civil War on Saturday.

Harrington may have hurt his chances in the game, though, as he fumbled with less than two minutes to play and the game still undecided.

On the season, Harrington has thrown for 2,415 yards and 23 touchdowns.

While throwing for 2,652 yards and 23 touchdowns this season, Dorsey, a junior, has led No. 1 Miami (11-0) to the national championship game at the Rose Bowl.

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Ben McCollum

Ben McCollum, a junior guard, had his best weekend as a Bearcat. He scored 13 points and a team-high 16 points in two Bearcat victories over the weekend.



Hallie Blackney

Hallie Blackney, a sophomore guard, is averaging 14.25 points for Maryville. She scored a career-high 21 points her first game, and 19 more against St. Pius X.



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RANTING AND RAVING

All I want for Christmas is a trip to the Rose Bowl



BILL KNUST
SPORTS EDITOR

“I wish Michael Jordan would retire again. He is already injured from carrying the Wizards on his back. Take a seat forever Mike...”

As the holiday break gets closer with each passing day, everybody's favorite holiday, Christmas, gets closer as well. The thing so wonderful about Christmas is that you get to make the obligatory Christmas list.

I am no different, except I do another list. A sports wish list. You will find my first two wishes have already been fulfilled.

■ I wish Tennessee would beat Florida in the Swamp, a place where Tennessee has not won since 1971.

■ I wish Colorado would beat Texas in the Big XII Championship, although the Buffaloes lost to Texas 41-7 earlier this season.

■ I wish Louisiana State University would beat Tennessee in the SEC Championship giving Nebraska a berth in the Rose Bowl — although the Huskers don't deserve it.

■ I wish I were not such a big Nebraska fan. It is terrible that I would hope for Tennessee to lose, because that would put the Huskers in the Rose Bowl. That is a travesty that represents the BCS's many faults.

■ But heck, if they do get there I might as well wish that Nebraska wins the whole damn thing.

■ I wish Steve Tappmeyer and his Bearcats good luck on their basketball season, and I hope they can advance even further in the NCAA Division II Tournament this year.

■ I wish the women's basketball team a successful season, and I hope it can crack the top five of the MIAA. Head coach Gene Steinmeyer is getting the recruits in. Now if he can get them

to play hard every night and play together, they will be contenders.

■ I wish Northwest football head coach Mel Tjeerdsma has an excellent recruiting class and will fill in the holes on defense.

■ I wish Jamaica Rector has a speedy recovery so he can dominate the MIAA again next year. I also wish his brother Andre good luck, because the hype that will surround him is going to be more than what surrounded his brother.

■ I wish Michael Jordan would retire again. He is already injured from carrying the Wizards on his back. Take a seat forever Mike, there are enough young guns to carry this league now.

■ I wish the NBA season would finish in April. I would pick March, but I actually want people to see the NBA playoffs, and they won't if it is in March because of March Madness.

■ I wish the Super Bowl is as good as it was in 1999. The best case scenario would be a Rams/49ers vs. Raiders matchup. That's a guaranteed 60 points or more combined.

■ I wish baseball would get a clue and have revenue sharing like every other league in sports.

■ Wait, what am I saying? I am a Yankees fan, long live the current plan. Besides, why fix what isn't broken?

■ I wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season, and I wish all graduating seniors good luck with whatever they choose to do in life.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's bball			Manhattan Christian 7 p.m.				
Northwest women's bball							
Northwest indoor track & field		Iowa State Holiday 8 p.m.					
Maryville boys' bball		Leblond 8 p.m.				Nodaway County Tournament TBA	
Maryville girls' bball						Nodaway County Tournament TBA	
Maryville wrestling	Plattsburg 6:30 p.m.						

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Wand earns postseason AFCA All-American award

Northwest junior offensive lineman Seth Wand was named to the AFCA 2001 Division II Coaches All-America Team Tuesday.

Wand was a first-time selection to the team. He was also a unanimous selection to the All-MIAA first team.

The other MIAA player who made the team was sophomore defensive lineman Aaron McConnell from Pittsburg State University.

Bearcat football players earn All-Region honors

Northwest junior offensive lineman Seth Wand landed on the first team of the Midwest region.

Three other players were named to the second team. Senior center Curt Lessman, redshirt freshman receiver Jamaica Rector and senior kicker Eddie

Ibarra.

Rector was the only freshman named to either team. The University of North Dakota led the way with eight players selected to the team while the University of North Dakota State and Pittsburg State both had six players selected to the team.

Volleyball team signs four to national letters-of-intent

Northwest volleyball head coach Sarah Pelster has announced the signing of three high school seniors and one junior college transfer to national letters-of-intent.

Kara Akers and Allison Hyland are from Omaha, Neb. and Sara Jones and Holli Gillette are from Lincoln, Neb.

Akers is an outside/middle hitter. She holds school records for digs in a season and career digs. She is a three-time letterwinner in volleyball and helped lead Millard West to a No. 9

ranking in Nebraska Class A this past season.

Hyland is a six-foot, two-inch outside/middle hitter from Omaha North. She was a two-time honorable mention Class A all-state performer. She also earned second-team all-metro honors for the past two seasons. She holds the school record for single-season and career kills. She also has a career kill percentage of .321.

Jones is an outside hitter from Lincoln Northeast High School. She was a second-team Super State selection. She was also a Class A all-state selection. Jones holds the school records for single-season digs and single-season passing.

Gillette is a setter from Southwestern Community College. She was named to the Region XI All-Tournament team in 2000 and 2001. She holds the Southwestern College record for career assists with 1,444. She is a candidate for the All-American team this year.

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Stroller plays matchmaker

I feel compelled to write this. Not only for my own sake, but also for all the people who need the silliness to stop. Feel free to nod your head in agreement as you read this "hypothetical" story.

OK, so I know these two people. To be more exact, I know them from work. And I'm wondering why they don't just hook it up.

You know the type of people I'm talking about. Always hanging out together. Always eating lunch together. Always eating supper together. Always sitting next to each other. Practically sharing the same mouse.

Yet, always denying the plain-as-day truth.

"We are just friends," they say. (Yeah right, I'm not that gullible.)

Or another favorite saying: "There is nothing going on," one adds. (You mean that you'll tell us about.)

Sometimes the "friendship" is so thick in the air you can practically hear the porn music playing in the background. ("Bow chicka bow now.")



THE STROLLER

Yet the denying goes on and on. It'll probably go on until they're old farts sharing a Bingo card. Cause there is a lot of strategy involved in playing tag team Bingo.

If they had known each other as kids they probably would have done their paper routes together, riding the same bike every week.

Sure, it gives the rest of us a hot topic to gossip about. But the fact of the matter is you can only talk about something so long without there being progress of some sort. And since we've

already invested so much talk time it's going to be hard to just let it end.

Especially if they really were just friends. Because it's not fun to wink at your coworkers when two people leave the room together if they aren't trying to hide something.

So I think for the sake of workplace gossip and for the sake of your own love lives, go ahead and do something. (The staff took a vote and it's about a 4-to-1 decision that you two should.)

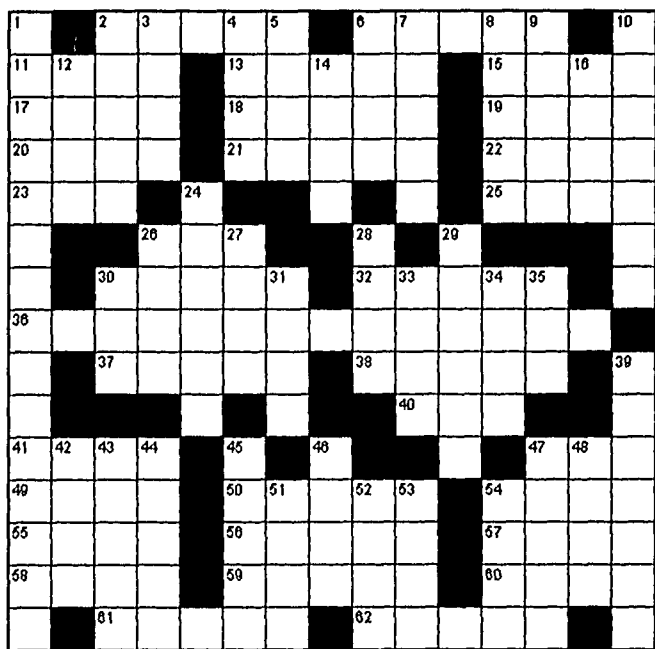
It's not like we want you two to head straight to the "Love Shack" or anything. Just start calling your outings to the movies "dates" for starters.

Think about it. It's a win-win situation here. All the people who do the gossiping will feel good 'cause they were right and all the people who secretly want to hook it up will feel good cause they can.

So I guess my advice to all the people who are just friends is simple. "You can't fight the feeling!"

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 2. Puppets
- 6. The real —?
- 11. Pitcher
- 13. Change
- 15. Free from contamination
- 17. Fine and delicate
- 18. Sulky
- 19. More crack
- 20. Plant fiber
- 21. Bacterium
- 22. Least common multiples
- 23. Mischievous person

DOWN

- 1. Obvious
- 2. Decaffeinated
- 3. Large African antelope
- 4. Drinks (as a cat)

ACROSS

- 25. Scarf
- 26. Cut off
- 30. Actor's parts
- 32. Not concealed
- 36. County in central England
- 37. Middle Eastern bread
- 38. British soldier
- 40. Remuneration
- 41. French clergyman
- 47. Invest with nickname
- 49. Labor
- 50. Shopping places

DOWN

- 5. Narrow opening
- 6. Allot
- 7. Subterranean vault
- 8. Gems
- 9. Plant from warmer regions
- 10. Chocolate maker
- 12. Barrier
- 14. Inhabitant of Turkey
- 16. Doses of radiation
- 24. Nymphet
- 26. Positions
- 27. Nuisance
- 28. Permanent army post
- 29. Herbert —, banker
- 30. Tear
- 31. Male deer
- 33. Brandy label
- 34. Covered with frost
- 35. Attempt
- 39. Vulgarisms
- 42. Trunk of a tree
- 43. Hen
- 44. Female name
- 45. Little
- 46. Eastern European
- 47. Store that sells milk products
- 48. Citrus fruit
- 51. Inspires dread
- 52. Falsehoods
- 53. Let it stand
- 54. Stately aquatic bird

Answers can be found on this page

on the edge

Christmas facts:

■ According to a 1995 survey, seven out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their doting owners.

■ According to Gale Research, the average American household wraps 30 Christmas gifts each year.

■ After "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens wrote several other Christmas stories, one each year, but none was as successful as the original.

■ During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States.

■ During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made.

■ Yuletide-named towns in the United States include Santa Claus, located in Arizona and Indiana, Noel in Missouri, and Christmas in both Arizona and Florida.

■ In Brazil, Christmas is celebrated with fireworks.

■ More diamonds are purchased at Christmas-time (31 percent) than during any other holiday or occasion during the year.

■ 10 percent of American households leave milk and cookies for Santa Claus.

■ The first Christmas card was created in England on Dec. 9, 1842.

■ 87 percent of American children between the ages of 3 and 10 believe in Santa Claus.

Source: absolutetrivia.com

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FINALS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 10	7:30-9:30 a.m.
11 a.m. Monday	9:40-11:40 a.m.
Communication 102 (all)	11:50 a.m.-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m. Monday	
9:30 or 9:35 a.m.	2-4 p.m.
Tuesday	4:10-6:10 p.m.
Mathematics 114, 115 (all)	7-9 p.m.
2 p.m. Tuesday	
Tuesday, Dec. 11	7:30-9:30 a.m.
8 a.m. Tuesday	9:40-11:40 a.m.
11 a.m. Tuesday	11:50 a.m.-1:50 p.m.
PE 110 (all Lifetime Wellness)	2-4 p.m.
3 p.m. Monday	4:10-6:10 p.m.
9 a.m. Monday	7-9 p.m.
Computer Science 130 (all)	
Wednesday, Dec. 12	7:30-9:30 a.m.
Chemistry (Lab) 113/115/117	9:40-11:40 a.m.
Physical Science (Lab) 103 (all)	11:50 a.m.-1:50 p.m.
Noon, 12:30 or 12:35 p.m. Tuesday	2-4 p.m.
3, 3:30, 3:35 p.m. Tuesday	4:10-6:10 p.m.
10 a.m. Monday	
Computer Science 130 (all)	
Thursday, Dec. 13	7:30-9:30 a.m.
8 a.m. Monday	9:40-11:40 a.m.
1 p.m. Monday	11:50 a.m.-1:50 p.m.
History 155 (all)	2-4 p.m.
Noon Monday	4:10-6:10 p.m.
4 p.m. Tuesday	
Friday, Dec. 14	7:30-9:30 a.m.
10 a.m. Tuesday	

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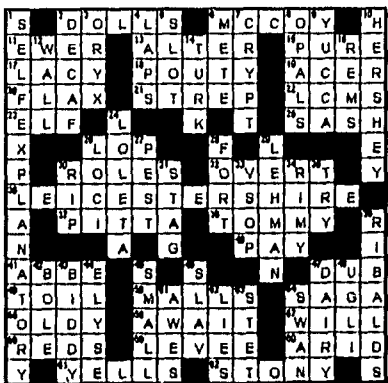
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Northwest students enter *Real World*

More than 400 students will leave college, walk in Northwest's commencement ceremony Dec. 14

By SERENA BROOKS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Four hundred fifteen students will begin the transition from college life to the "real world" at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in Bearcat Arena as they take part in graduation ceremonies.

Of the 415 graduating students, 340 will be receiving their bachelor's degrees and 75 will receive graduate degrees. It is optional for graduates to attend commencement, but a majority of them will, said Ken White, vice president of communications and marketing.

Broadcasting major Shannon Gould said graduation is important to him for many reasons.

"I'm the first one in my family to graduate, so that's pretty important," Gould said. "My wife and I are both really glad to be graduating, and we are proud of each other."

The students have received a packet explaining important information regarding caps and gowns and times, and students need to be aware they should arrive early to the ceremony so it can begin on time, White said.

The Communication and Marketing Department coordinates the commencement ceremony. This year it has invited alumnus John Moore, vice president and chief operating officer of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. Moore graduated from Northwest in 1978.

"We generally look for alumni who we feel have made the best of their education at Northwest," White said. "John Moore took his education and utilized it."

The department also looks for an alum who is still active at Northwest. Moore is currently on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Foundation, a private group that raises money for the University.

White said a number of events will contribute to a memorable weekend for Northwest faculty and students.

"It's an exciting time for everyone because the night before graduation the faculty picks up the Missouri Quality Award in St. Louis," White said. "We all get on the bus Thursday to go to St. Louis, and then we get on the bus Friday morning to return for graduation that night."

Each graduating student has received six tickets which they can give to family members to attend the ceremony. The number of tickets each student receives is based on the number of people graduating that year. Following graduation there will be a reception for students and their families in the basement of Lamkin Activity Center.

"These students have worked hard and they deserve a first-class event," White said. "We will give it to them."

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KEN WHITE

VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

'78 alum to address graduates at ceremony

By ABBY SIMONS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When Northwest alumnus John Moore graduated with a business finance degree in 1978, he had no idea he would be working anywhere outside the midwest, let alone San Francisco.

Scheduled to speak at Northwest's commencement ceremony at 7 p.m. Dec. 14, Moore is originally from the Kansas City area.

He is employed as Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as well as National Product Director for Cash.

Moore said he was surprised when he received a letter last August from Northwest's President Dean Hubbard asking him to give a speech at the ceremony.

"I was shocked when I learned that Northwest wanted me to give the commencement address, and I was quite honored as well," Moore said.

While a student at Northwest, Moore was involved in many activities. He served as student body president and president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Moore was also a member of the golf team.

After graduating from Northwest, Moore began his career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1980, where he worked until 1991, when he transferred to Los Angeles.

In 1996, he transferred to San Francisco, where he is responsible for the operations and administration of the Federal Reserve Bank that handles the money of nine states.

Moore, who lives with his wife, Suzy, and their three children, ages 6, 12 and 16, said although he has lived in California for 10 years, he still considers Kansas City his home, and he visits four to five times a year, usually when passing through on business.

“It's universal, and it doesn't matter whether you have a Ph.D. from Harvard or if you never went to college. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and work, and not just talk a good game.”

JOHN MOORE

'78 ALUM WHO WILL SPEAK AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

He is also a Chiefs season ticket holder, despite the dismal season.

"I try to make it to a few games a year, but I haven't been trying quite so hard this year," Moore laughed.

Although Moore does not want to give away his speech, he does have a piece of advice for graduating Northwest seniors who wish for success.

"From my experience, if you work hard and treat the people you work with well and they can count on you to work hard, you will be successful no matter what you do," Moore said.

"It's universal, and it doesn't matter whether you have a Ph.D. from Harvard or if you never went to college. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and work, and not just talk a good game."

Attention seniors:

Here are some things you'll need to know ...

- Graduation begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in Bearcat Arena
- A reception will take place after graduation in the basement of Lamkin Activity Center.
- The University will provide shuttle service from remote parking lots to Bearcat Arena before and after the ceremony.
- Caps, gowns and tickets can be picked up from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, through Friday, Dec. 14, at the Student Services Center.
- Orders for videotaped copies of commencement will be taken the evening of graduation in the foyer of Lamkin Activity Center. The cost is \$24.95 each.
- For more information, call 562-1143.

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Through the years

As the December graduates live their final days at Northwest, we take a look at the headlines, people and entertainment that shaped their college years ...

HEADLINES

September

■ Orange fences litter campus as Northwest is in the midst of steamline construction project

■ David Spade brings comedy to campus

■ Bryan White's music fills Mary Linn

■ Sigma Phi Epsilon house is torn down

October

■ Northwest wins first Missouri Quality Award

■ Board of Regents approves Student Union renovations, trimester schedule

■ Plans begin for U.S. Highway 71 construction

■ Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity breaks ground for new house on Ninth Street

■ Colden Hall reopens after renovations

■ Take 6 performs at Mary Linn

■ Women win fifth straight indoor track championship

■ Snow storm closes University

January

March

PEOPLE

■ Angel Harris-Lewis is the Student Senate president

■ Bryan Vanosdale arrives as director of campus and Greek activities

■ Ken White leaves teaching in mass communications department for Northwest's Director of News and Information position

■ Kent Porterfield is named Vice President for Student Affairs

■ Clarence Green is named Director of Campus Safety

■ Brian Starkey and Chris Pavalis are crowned Homecoming king and queen

■ Karen Barmann replaces Marissa Sanchez as the student regent

■ Michael Simonson is hired for CAITL position, which he withdraws from after allegations of sexual harassment surface

ENTERTAINMENT

Top-selling artists: Matchbox Twenty, Celine Dion, Wallflowers, Savage Garden, Backstreet Boys, Sister Hazel, Robyn, Sugar Ray, Paula Cole, Spice Girls, Smashmouth, Third Eye Blind, Hanson, Will Smith

Top songs: "My Heart Will Go On," (Celine Dion), "Torn" (Natalie Imbruglia), "Truly Madly Deeply" (Savage Garden), "All My Life" (K-Ci & JoJo), "Together Again" (Janet), "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" (Will Smith), "Brick" (Ben Folds Five), "Tubthumping" (Chumbawamba), "Walking on the Sun" (Smashmouth), "Time of Your Life" (Green Day)

Top films: "As Good As It Gets," "The Full Monty," "Good Will Hunting," "L.A. Confidential," "Titanic"

Top television shows: "Frasier," "NYPD Blue," "The Practice," "The Simpsons," "Seinfeld," "The X-Files," "Friends," "Mad About You," "ER," "Chicago Hope," "Ally McBeal"

HEADLINES

September

■ Students dine in locations throughout campus as portion of the Student Union is closed for renovations

■ International Plaza opens

■ Northwest students Phillip Baldwin and Brian Campbell, along with Travis Canon, are arrested for the October 1997 murder of Gracie Hixson.

■ Football team wins school's first-ever national championship

■ Comedian Rip Taylor stars in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

■ Bomb threat closes campus for an afternoon

■ Board of Regents approves renovations to Rickenbrode Stadium

■ "Melissa" e-mail virus threatens campus computers

■ Student Senate calls a second campus-wide election to break a tie for executive secretary

PEOPLE

■ Angel McAdams is the Student Senate president

■ Joann Wolf is named as the women's soccer team's first head coach

■ Head women's basketball coach Wayne Winstead retires, Gene Steinmeyer is later named as his replacement

■ Head baseball coach Jim Johnson resigns, Darin Loe is later named as his replacement

■ University President Dean Hubbard awarded Governor's Quality Leadership Award

■ Robert Aschertrop and Karen Barmann are crowned Homecoming king and queen

■ Student Senate impeaches senior class representative Danielle Saunders

■ Northwest quarterback Chris Greisen is drafted by NFL's Arizona Cardinals

ENTERTAINMENT

Top-selling artists: Lauryn Hill, Dixie Chicks, Brian Setzer Orchestra, Eric Clapton, Madonna, Lenny Kravitz, Alanis Morissette, Beastie Boys, Shania Twain, Sarah McLachlan, 'N SYNC, Barenaked Ladies,

Top songs: "My Father's Eyes" (Eric Clapton), "There's Your Trouble" (Dixie Chicks), "Uninvited" (Alanis Morissette), "Angel" (Sarah McLachlan), "You're Still the One" (Shania Twain), "Jump Jive an' Wall," (Brian Setzer Orchestra), "One Week" (Barenaked Ladies), "I Don't Want to Miss A Thing" (Aerosmith), "This Kiss" (Faith Hill)

Top films: "Elizabeth," "Life is Beautiful," "Saving Private Ryan," "Shakespeare in Live," "Truman Show," "The Thin Red Line"

Top television shows: "Frasier," "NYPD Blue," "The Practice," "The Sopranos," "Friends," "Mad About You," "ER," "Ally McBeal," "3rd Rock From the Sun," "Sex and the City," "Everybody Loves Raymond"

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HEADLINES

- September**
- Students move into South Complex after renovations
 - Student Union reopens after renovations
 - After two years as a club sport, women's soccer plays first season as a University sport
- October**
- Hall director is fired after being caught with gun
 - Former Poland President Lech Walsea speaks at Mary Linn
 - Sentences are handed down for October 1997 murder of Gracie Hixson, Phillip Baldwin receives 25 years in prison, Brian Campbell receives 18 years in prison, Travis Canon receives life in prison without parole
 - The Hangar, Maryville's newest movie theater, opens
 - Football team wins second straight national championship with four-overtime win
- November**
- University farm moves off campus
 - Campus unites to mourn death of Provost Tim Gilmour's wife
 - University considers alcohol in proposed skyboxes at Rickenbrode Stadium
- December**
- Super Wal-mart opens in Maryville

PEOPLE

- Laurie Zimmerman is the Student Senate President
- Alex Berry and Sarah Hambrecht are crowned Homecoming king and queen
- Russ Pinnizzotto is named as the Dean of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing
- Matt Hackett replaces Karen Barmann as Student Regent
- John Yates, cheerleading coach and recruiter, resigns

LEISURE

Top-selling artists: Goo Goo Dolls, Santana, Sting, TLC, Eminem, Dixie Chicks, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, N SYNC, Creed, Destiny's Child, Blink 182, Vertical Horizon, Faith Hill, Counting Crows, Ricky Martin, Train, Lonestar, Dave Matthews Band

Top songs: "Smooth" (Rob Thomas w/ Santana) "Brand New Day" (Sting), "Bye Bye Bye" (N SYNC) "Ready to Run" (Dixie Chicks), "Hangin' Around" (Counting Crows) "The Way" (Fastball), "All the Small Things" (Blink 182) "Believe" (Cher), "Higher" (Creed), "Beautiful Stranger" (Madonna), "Thong Song" (Sisquid), "My Name is" (Eminem), "No Scrubs" (TLC), "Everything You want" (Vertical Horizon), "I Try" (Macy Gray)

Top films: "American Beauty," "The Cider House Rules," "The Green Mile," "The Insider," "The Sixth Sense," "The Matrix," "Gladiator," "Boys Don't Cry," "Magnolia"

Top television shows: "Chicago Hope," "ER," "Family Law," "Felicity," "Judging Amy," "Law & Order," "Now and Again," "NYPD Blue," "Once and Again," "The Practice," "The Sopranos," "Touched by an Angel," "The West Wing," "The X-Files," "3rd Rock from the Sun," "Ally McBeal," "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Frasier," "Friends," "Just Shoot Me," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Sex and the City," "The Simpsons," "Spin City," "Sports Night," "Will & Grace"

HEADLINES

- September**
- Northwest offers Interactive Digital Media major
 - Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing opens
 - Two Northwest students are investigated for possession of ecstasy
 - Gun is fired at Alpha Kappa Lambda party, no one was injured and a Kansas City man was later sentenced
- October**
- Polling site at Wesley Center approved to accommodate students during upcoming elections
 - University mourns Gov. Mel Carnahan who is killed in a plane crash
 - PT Cruiser tears through Homecoming parade
 - "Footloose" plays to sold-out Mary Linn audience
 - Football team wins last of five straight MIAA conference titles
 - Men's basketball team begins season 13-0, its best start since 1932
 - University closes because of snow storm
 - House decs is eliminated from Homecoming competition
 - Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias speaks at Northwest
 - University makes computer deal with Gateway
- November**
- December**
- February**
- March**

PEOPLE

- Shenaz Abreo is the Student Senate president
- Matt Hackett and Carissa Cureton are crowned Homecoming king and queen
- Director of Athletics Jim Redd retires, Bob Boerigter is later named as his replacement
- Provost Tim Gilmour leaves Northwest, he is later replaced by Dean of Arts and Sciences Taylor Barnes

FALL 2001 HEADLINES

- September**
- Campus reacts to terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., students and staff gather for prayer services and vigils
- October**
- Herman Boone and Bill Yoast, the real-life inspirations for the film "Remember the Titans" speak to an overflow crowd at Mary Linn
 - The Urge fills Mary Linn with its music

PEOPLE

- Stacie McLaughlin is the Student Senate President
- Dallas Archer and Corinne Moszczynski are crowned Homecoming king and queen
- Director of Human Resources Mary Throener is named to cabinet, replacing Annette Weymuth
- Rollie Stadman is named Board of Regents President, replacing Robert Loch

LEISURE

Top-selling artists: Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, N SYNC, Everclear, Barenaked Ladies, Enrique Iglesias, Matchbox Twenty, Backstreet Boys, Nine Days, Ricky Martin, Sister Hazel, Goo Goo Dolls, Dave Matthews Band, Faith Hill, Madonna, Pink, U2, Lee Ann Womack

Top songs: "Bent" (Matchbox Twenty), "Music" (Madonna), "Oops! I Did It Again" (Britney Spears), "Absolutely, Story of a Girl" (Nine Days), "Who Let the Dogs Out" (Baha Men), "Wonderful" (Everclear), "Must Be the Money" (Nelly), "Breathe" (Faith Hill), "Beautiful Day" (U2), "Dance" (Lee Ann Womack), "Dirty Pop" (N Sync), "Drops of Jupiter" (Train), "Change Your Mind" (Sister Hazel), "I Did It" (Dave Matthews Band), "Jaded" (Aerosmith)

Top films: "Gladiator," "Traffic," "Erin Brockovich," "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "U-571," "Almost Famous"

Top television shows: "Survivor," "Friends," "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "ER," "Frasier," "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Friends," "Sex and the City," "Weakest Link," "Will & Grace," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Ally McBeal," "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" "Judging Amy," "The Sopranos," "The West Wing," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Once and Again," "Boston Public," "Law & Order," "Just Shoot Me," "Becker"

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Love,
Mom & Dad



Katie,

As you continue your journey -----
Explore, Dream, Discover

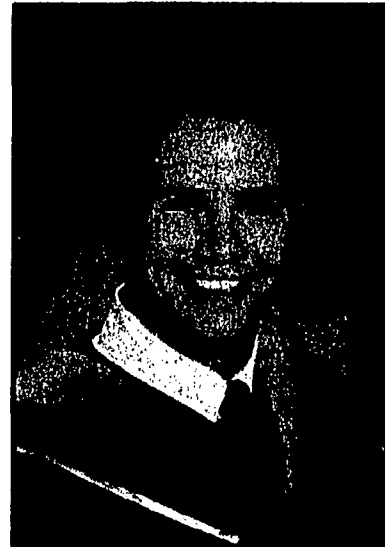
Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations Shannon!
You finally made it. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Nathaniel, and Anneliese



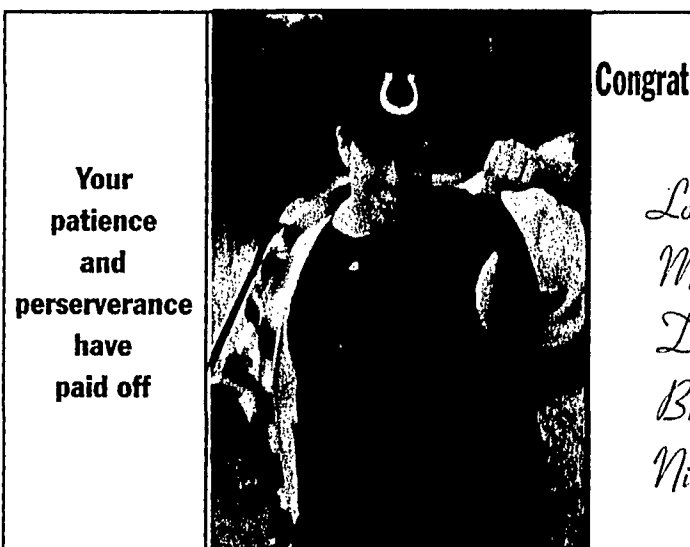
Julie,
Remember yesterday,
dream of tomorrow,
but *LOVE* for today.
Love,
Mom & Dad



To Bryan Grow

You are a great
role model!
With love and
best wishes,

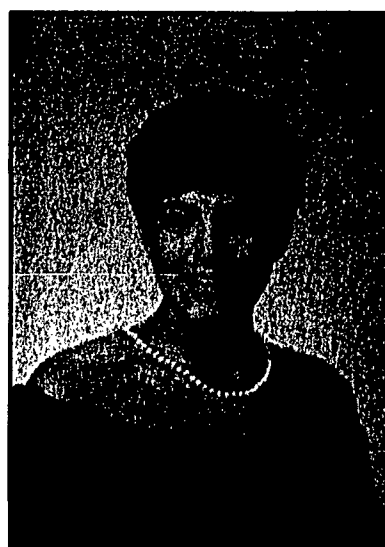
Mom & Dad
Jason & Kelly



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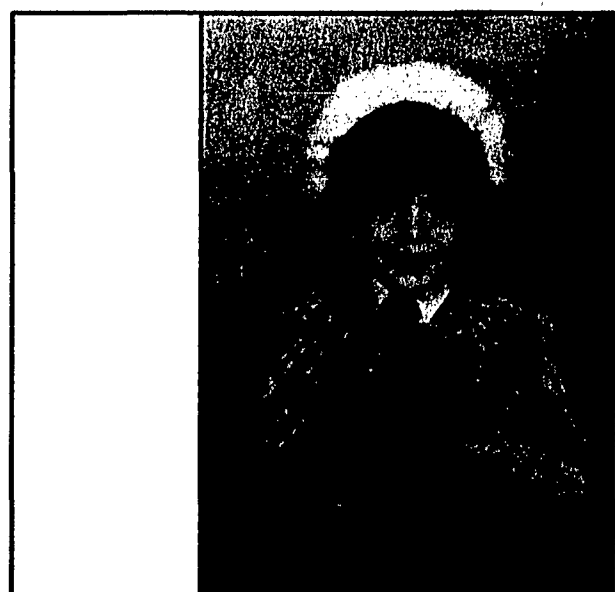
Your
patience
and
perseverance
have
paid off

Love -
Mom
Dad
Brad
Nicole



Congratulations
Jennifer
Best of Luck
"We love you"

Dad, Katie, Tony
& Kelly

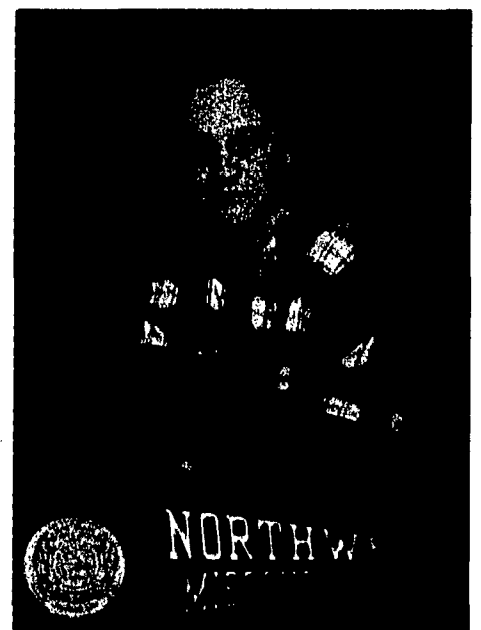


Brett Alan VanVactor

You've come a
long ways
Big Boy.
Congratulations!

Mom • Dad
Darm • Cody

Congratulations Mike!



It's A Great Day.
And We're Very Proud of You.

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations to our
Little Mister
and
D_____B_____.

We're so proud of you,
and your dad would be too.
Love, Mom and Rusty

Northwest graduates first online student

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

The first Northwest student to earn an online degree will graduate Dec. 14 without ever meeting her professors or entering a single classroom on campus.

Christina Pasqua, from Sterling, Colo., enrolled in the online degree program in the summer of 2000 and will graduate with a bachelor's of science degree in business management.

After graduating from Sterling High School in 1998, Pasqua began her college career at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling and graduated in May of 2000 with an Associate of Arts degree.

Her decision to enroll in Northwest's Web-based business management degree program was influenced by her desire to stay in Sterling while finishing college. She learned about the program from her NJC cost accounting teacher

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CHRISTINA PASQUA
ONLINE GRADUATE

and immediately expressed interest in the program.

With the help of Northwest faculty adviser Chi-Lo Lim, Pasqua enrolled in 15 to 16 hours each semester. As for being able to graduate without ever having been to Northwest, Pasqua gives the credit to Lim.

“She has helped me out so

much,” Pasqua said. “She is the one who took care of everything that I would have had to do if I had actually been on campus. I could not have done this without her.”

Because of the flexibility of taking online courses, Pasqua was able to work full time in the administration office at Foxhoven Tire Center in Sterling, doing accounting for six

companies.

“It has not been easy, especially this last semester,” Pasqua said. “I work from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, so basically my homework has gotten done at night — lots of late nights — and on weekends. This semester pretty much all I have done is go to work and do homework ... but it is all going to be worth it in about a week.”

Pasqua said she never would have been able to take on her job if she had been enrolled in traditional classes. She enjoyed the accessibility of online courses and was able to fit the classes into her schedule.

“I also love the fact that I can log on in my pajamas at 11 at night with a bowl of ice cream,” Pasqua said. “You can’t do that with a traditional class.”

Lim, Pasqua’s instructor for two online courses, said Pasqua’s work ethic has been impressive.

“From day one, she is a student

that any instructor would love to have in class,” Lim said. “She always actively participates in class discussions and is always on time with her work. She always submits quality work and welcomes feedback for improvement.”

University President Dean Hubbard is delighted Pasqua is coming to take part in the graduation ceremony and said Pasqua’s graduating is an important milestone in the history of the University.

The potential for the online degree program is enormous, Hubbard said, and it has grown at a rapid rate since it began in the fall of 1999.

“She’s the first and won’t be the last,” Hubbard said. “I have to admire a person so motivated to complete a degree online.”

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ONLINE DEGREE FACTS

■ Northwest Online began in the fall of 1999 and is located on the Northwest Web site for students to earn either a Bachelor of Science in Business Management or a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree.

■ There is no difference between online and traditional course requirements.

■ Northwest Online provides academic advising, career counseling, an electronic bookstore, access to Owens Library, and student services such as online registration, bill payment and enrollment counseling.

■ Northwest Online courses cost \$202.25 per undergraduate semester credit hour and \$252 per graduate semester credit hour. There may be additional fees, including books and other materials, for some courses.

■ Students need not live in Missouri, or even the United States, to enroll in the program. Northwest has online students from as far away as Afghanistan.

■ The number of students enrolled in online courses this semester, about 530, was double that of last year.

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Katie Phillips
Kelly Gardner

Good Luck on Finals!

Congratulations




John • Mark • Naomey

Missourian Seniors!


Congratulations
Dawn...

You've done a great job!

Love,
Mom & Dad



We were proud of you then and...



We are still just as proud of you today!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Follow your dreams, chase them if you have to!

Love,
Mom



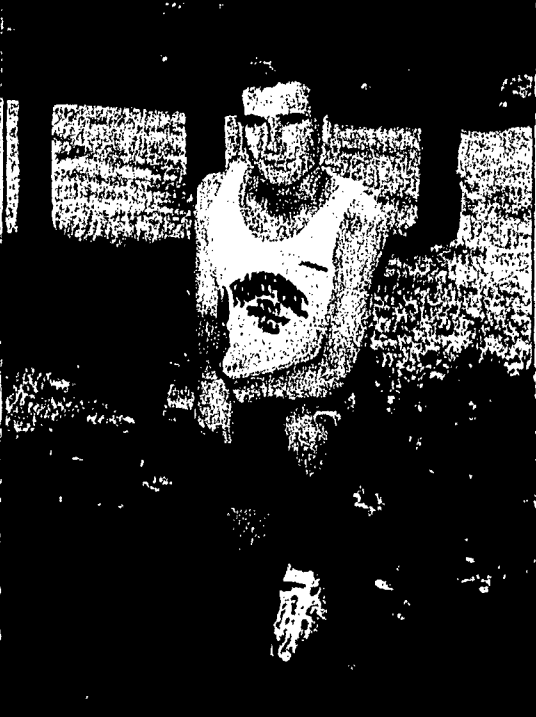
We will miss you Phi Mu Seniors!

Alison Adkins • Jill Cantu • Dawn Thelen • Steph Henley • Jeanna Waterman

Tim Durbin, Congrats!

*Now the real race starts.
Run proud, as proud as we are of you.
Sing with the wind,
Encourage others,
There is no finish line so enjoy the race.
We'll always cheer you on.*

Love,
Dad & Mom



We couldn't have picked a more precious daughter.




Congratulations, Nicki

*We love you!
Mom & Dad*

Auntie Alyna,

We want everyone to know that you are graduating. We're so proud of you and we love you very much! You're the best !!

XXOOXX
Luv,
Grant & MacKenzie



Bases Loaded

Never give up on the core of your dream.

You have made us so very proud!

Congratulations on your Graduation and all of your contributions to the NW Missourian Newspaper.

Love, Dad, Mom & Joel

